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DUKAKIS... On Bush's Side



Voters Negative on Campaign Divided on Candidates but United in Disappointment

By R.W. Apple Jr. New York Times Service NEW YORK — The skies were gray and a wind bearing the promise of winter howled down Seventh Avenue shortly before the polls were to open for this country's 51st presidential election.

People are in more of a hurry at 57th and Seventh than they are in the Iowa farm country. With truck horns honking and fire engine sirens blaring, it is noisier than the tidy little cities of eastern Pennsylvania. And the landmarks — Central Park to the north, Rockefeller Center to the south, glossy art galleries and boisterous delicatessens — are an entirely different matter from the hutches and canyons of New Mexico.

Ms. Flanagan's use of the phrase "competent manager" suggested that she had been influenced by Mr. Dukakis's television commercials and perhaps by his speech at the Democratic National Convention, where the nominee said that the election would be about competence, not ideology. But there was also ample evidence in 90 minutes of political chitchat that Mr. Dukakis's message had met resistance in some quarters, while Mr. Bush's had been more widely believed.

At a corner of Seventh Avenue and 57th Street a few steps from Carnegie Hall, people who stopped at lunchtime to discuss their voting intentions seemed split pretty evenly between Vice President George Bush, the Republican favorite, and Governor Michael S. Dukakis, the Democratic underdog. It was not a propitious sign for the man from Massachusetts, who counts New York as part of his political bedrock.

But what a traveler heard Monday in the heart of Manhattan did not differ all that radically from what he had heard all along an 11,450-mile (18,500-kilometer) route that stretched from Long Island Sound in New York to Puget Sound in Washington.

"I went to Boston University," said Ms. Zappulla, "so I don't believe a lot of that stuff Dukakis puts out about Massachusetts being an economic miracle. And I think it's obvious that Dukakis needs to learn a lot more about how to handle crime."

But in New York City, as elsewhere across the country, voters spoke mainly about how disappointed they were. "This campaign was full of nit-picking, high school nonsense," said Joseph E. Zappulla, who works for CBS Sports. He added: "We're going to have 75 percent of the people going into the booth and voting against someone instead of supporting someone they really believe in. That's bad."

It was clear, first of all, that although the federal deficit loomed larger in people's minds than any other issue, they were not exactly sure what should be done about it, and they were even less sure which candidate would approach the question more wisely.

Al Hempel, an advertising man, said that "at first that wimpy stuff about Bush seemed real to me, and he didn't seem his own man." But when the Republican candidate "finally got away from Reagan," Mr. Hempel added, "he became much more impressive to me."

Beverley Knapp, an interior designer, summed up her reactions to the long, costly campaign this way: "Mostly, I'm ticked off. They never got to grips with the issues, and we reached the height of silliness when Bush said you could tell that things were better in this country because we're selling more flags."

Jane Flanagan and her friend Adele Markey, who came in from the suburbs to have lunch and to see the film "Little Dorrit," both said they were worried about the deficit.

Mr. Hempel said he thought that Mr. Dukakis had failed, especially in his advertising, "to take a theme and run with it, which is absolutely basic in any campaign." But as a professional, he was asked, did he not find the vice president's commercials misleading or underhanded, as many have charged?

Mr. Zappulla and Ms. Knapp were both going to vote; both said they thought it was their duty. She intended to support Mr. Dukakis, even though she thinks he ran a poor campaign, because she be-

"I'm for Dukakis," Ms. Flanagan said, "because I feel he's a competent manager, and I think we need that to clear up our fiscal problems."

"Not at all," he said. "You may call his campaign negative, but I call it effective. In this business, it so happens, negative often works. It's useful to point out the weaknesses of the other side, and as long as what you say is true — it's got to be true — I see nothing wrong with it."

For President, Doctors Wait

By Lawrence K. Altman New York Times Service

NEW YORK — For the winner of the U.S. presidential election, one requisite is the kind of health care not available to the average American. Presidents and vice presidents have physicians assigned to them around the clock wherever they work, travel or vacation, and their medical care is paid for by the government.

operating aboard a ship off New York City to keep the diagnosis secret, removed a cancer from Grover Cleveland's jaw.

While Woodrow Wilson was paralyzed by a stroke in 1919, his wife, Edith, ran the country. In 1944, when Franklin D. Roosevelt ran for a fourth term, he was gravely ill, suffering from severe high blood pressure and a weakened heart. But the public was told that he was in excellent condition.

Such intense coverage is provided in part because of fears about assassination attempts and because a seriously ill president may have to yield power under terms of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution.

Even some more recent presidents have kept maladies secret. Only after Lyndon B. Johnson's death in 1973 did the public learn that he had had an operation as president for a minor skin cancer, basal cell carcinoma. The condition was not a major health problem, but he apparently feared to disclose it. President Ronald Reagan and Mr. Bush have had the same type of skin cancer removed.

In recent years, White House physicians have come, with rare exception, from the military or from U.S. health services like the Veterans Administration.

For the most part, it has become standard in recent years for candidates for high offices to disclose their health records. Many people think inquiries about the health of presidents are unwarranted breaches of privacy, but historians have been quick to blame the press for failing to expose serious illnesses of presidents.

One important reason for this is that it is impractical for most doctors to abandon a private practice to take a temporary assignment at the White House. Another reason is that presidents are usually cared for at a military hospital, like the Bethesda Naval Medical Center or the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Many people, for example, felt it was unnecessary for reporters to inquire about the medication Mr. Reagan was taking after he underwent a colon cancer operation in July 1985. At the time, the White House said the president was taking only antibiotics.

If a president or a vice president needs specialized care, the White House medical staff can be augmented by consultants from any medical center in the country.

But later, when the Iran-contra affair became known, Edwin Meese 3d, then attorney general, told Congress that Mr. Reagan might not remember approving the first shipment of arms to Iran in August 1985 because he was recovering from surgery for colon cancer the previous month and he might have been taking medication.

Serious illnesses of presidents have played an important role in U.S. history, and White House physicians have often been involved in attempts to cover them up. In 1893, for example, surgeons,



As the U.S. presidential election campaign stamped to its climax on Tuesday, Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts exhorted backers at a rally in Des Moines, Iowa, and Vice President George Bush, backed by his son George Jr., gave the thumbs-up sign in Houston. In Dixville Notch, New Hampshire, traditionally the source of the first national voting results, Stephen Barba recorded the results, which saw Mr. Bush defeat Mr. Dukakis by 34 to 3. The vice presidential candidates, Senator Dan Quayle, at left, and Senator Lloyd Bentsen, greeted final crowds. Mr. Quayle, with his daughter Corinne, waved in Roanoke, Virginia, and Senator Lloyd Bentsen saluted crowds in Houston.



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THE MILLENNIUM WATCH. DISTINCTIVELY DUNHILL.

Advertisement for Dunhill Millennium Watch featuring a close-up of the watch face and the Dunhill logo.

Headaches? Reid said the cause of the headaches was more likely to be the floppy security habits of the people who care for the network.

Through his office, he is detailing rebuttal that Mrs. Bowker thesis "a personal analysis."

Mrs. Bowker recalled a what prompted her to spend weeks studying a text of agreement that she became the university law library.

Mrs. Bowker's criticism to that made by Mr. Im Edward Broadbent, leader of the New Democrats. She often key analysis that forces a jury to Canada in such as agriculture, energy, investment service industries.

But the tract that caught the public's imagination, Mrs. Bowker's.

or substance abuse that least once in a lifetime, according to a survey of 18,000 people by the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health.

Bank checks that they themselves after they've been cashed have made Chicago and many other cities say. For fear of losing copies, police are identifying the chemical that makes the checks disappear.

The guests of honor at a fall dinner Nov. 16 of the U.S. and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., will be Edward Teller, known as the father of the hydrogen bomb, and D. Sakharov, 67, the father of the Soviet hydrogen bomb. The Russian is visiting the United States on his first trip abroad.

Arthur Hays Sulzberger

OPINION

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Poland's Political Thieves

Poland is at the hardest place in its struggle to find a way out of the dead end of Soviet-imposed, Soviet-style socialism. You want reform, Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowicki challenges Solidarity, you'll get reform. He is closing the big Gdansk shipyard, which is the cradle and still the moral center of the banned trade union as well as the personal work place of Lech Walesa, but which is also a woefully inefficient factory that receives huge state subsidies and still loses money. Mr. Walesa replies 1) angrily, calling the closure order a "dangerous political act," which is true, and 2) weakly, saying there is "no economic justification" for closure, which is almost certainly false. It is the politics and not the economics of the case, however, that is dictating his response — an attempt to mobilize public opinion to make the government back down.

Some Votes Are Too Late

At about 9:01 P.M. in New York Tuesday night, the networks were likely to declare the name of the new president — and thereby trash the votes of people in the West who had not yet cast their ballots. Many of them, interested in local races, would still go to the polls. But all may feel their citizenship diminished. Democrats blame the networks. If they lived up to their name, they would not be making their call until the polls had closed in enough states to give one candidate an electoral college majority. And don't blame the House of Representatives. Prodded by Representative Al Swift of Wisconsin, it has twice passed a uniform poll closing bill that would eliminate the rest of the problem.

A Checkup for Medicine

Health insurance costs are soaring, which sharpens all of the terrible and familiar questions about paying for medical care in America. Coverage for all, including the 37 million who now have none, remains a hopeless ideal as long as the price keeps going up at the present rate. Premiums are going to rise by 20 to 30 percent next year for the private health plans, insurance specialists warn. One reason for this extraordinary surge is the federal government's success in restraining its reimbursements to hospitals under Medicare. The hospitals, bitterly protesting that Medicare now pays less than full cost, are trying to compensate by passing some of the shortfall on to their other patients. The basic force behind the rise is, as always, the continuous introduction of elegant new technology, compounded by the increasing numbers of elderly people whose medical requirements expand with age.

Other Comment

A Hope That He'll Keep Faith Whether it is George Bush or Michael Dukakis, the most crucial issue facing the next president is how to cut the huge American budget and trade deficits, both now standing at more than \$150 billion. Mr. Dukakis's weakness in defense and inexperience in foreign affairs are handicaps. But he appears more willing than Mr. Bush to address the long-term damage to America's economy that will occur if the budget deficit is not reduced, and quickly, too.



Too Many Can't Be Bothered

By Flora Lewis PARIS — The good news is that the grubby, cynical campaign is over. This column has to be written before the polls are closed, but then it was on a confusing question of little immediate interest about the future of New Caledonia, the United States, on the crucial question of the nation's leader, has regularly had about the worst voting record in the world. In recent years, citizens of country after country have braved the police, stormed through the streets, even risked their lives to demand the right of choice that free elections give. Americans lag behind no one in preaching their values and insisting on themselves when dictators fall before the yearning for democracy. We Americans are prepared to defend our right to decide our fate and that of allies with a vast arsenal including nuclear weapons, but half of us feel no need to practice what we urge on others.

Ways to Have a Better Campaign the Next Time

WASHINGTON — "Negative, nasty, uninformative, disturbing, degrading, demagogic" are some of the milder terms applied to the onslaught of ads and sound bites that dominated the airwaves from September until election day. And you are not going to see me stand up to defend this spectacle, which clearly outlasted almost everyone's patience. Three or four practical things might be done before the start of the 1992 campaign to ensure that improvements are made, building on some of the few virtues of this past year. Ask almost any American voter what part of the campaign he found useful, and the answer is likely to be the debates. On these three evenings for 90 minutes at a crack, most of those who went to the polls had the invaluable experience of watching the presidential and vice presidential candidates engage each other, and panels of journalists, on the television screen.

Israel: The Last Hurrah for a Distinguished Elite

JERUSALEM — Historic moments are a dime a dozen here in the unenviably lovely Middle East. But the backbone label prominently applied to last week's Israeli election, which opens an uncertain new era in the Jewish state's history. The vote should mark the last hurrah for the current leadership of Labor. Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin have failed for the fourth successive time to gain enough votes to form a government on their own. They have instead led Labor into the culture of powerlessness that afflicts most other left-wing parties in modern democracies, and for some of the same reasons.

Superpower Superdeficits Are Hurting Both Sides

WASHINGTON — Voodoo economics has a Moscow variant. The Soviets, too, have been writing hot checks for years. Their confession to deficit budgeting undermines some of the tough policy choices that the next U.S. president will have to address. The Soviet confession adds to the evidence that the Soviet economy is in a wretched shape and therefore needs relief from the burdens of heavy military spending and running an expensive global foreign policy. It also adds to the evidence that Mikhail Gorbachev is determined to force long-hidden problems onto the public agenda in order to compel a realistic Soviet political-economic structure to face up to them.

100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

- 1888: Harrison Wins NEW YORK — The so-called doubtful Western States have declared for General Benjamin Harrison, increasing his vote in the Electoral College to 233, thus giving him a majority of 65. The New York Times says: "Mr. Grover Cleveland has been defeated in New York by the treachery of Mr. David Hill and his followers, by the non-American part of the Irish vote and by money."
1938: Jews Denounced BERLIN — The German press and the German people raged against Jews today [Nov. 8] in a bitter fury over the shooting of Ernst von Rath, Third Secretary of the German Embassy in Paris, by Herschel Grynszpan, yesterday. While the Nazi press erupted in tirades against Israelites, disturbances broke out in Cassel and Bebra, Hesse province towns. In the former, mobs attacked Jew-owned stores and entered a synagogue, destroying some fixtures. The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" says: "Let no one be mistaken. The murderous Jewish attack in the Paris Embassy will have the most serious consequences for Jews in Germany, and also for foreign Jews in Germany."
1913: Abuse Is Denied PARIS — The Hellenic Legation in Paris gives a formal denial to the alle-

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Gdansk Workers Defy Walesa in Launching New Shipyard Strikes

By Jackson Diehl
Washington Post Service

WARSAW — Workers at two shipyards in Gdansk attempted to launch strikes Tuesday, defying a decision by the Solidarity leader, Lech Walesa, to avoid such a challenge to the government.

Witnesses and government officials said several hundred militant workers in the Gdansk repair shipyard rallied and called for an occupation strike. Pro-Solidarity workers in the smaller Wisla yard also

took over one of the enterprise's gates in a strike attempt.

The moves came as Mr. Walesa led a rally of thousands of workers in the Lenin shipyard, Solidarity's birthplace and stronghold, against the announced liquidation of the enterprise. He refrained from calling for a strike, or even the "strike alert" he had previously threatened to announce.

Mr. Walesa, who has faced strong pressure from militant young workers during successive waves of anti-government unrest this year, repudiated the protests. He threatened to quit his post as leader of the banned trade union if they continued. "I am not happy," he said. "There is no obedience. They seem to be treating me as someone who has failed to reach any political solution."

"If the strikes spread, I will be ready to resign. If they don't obey, it means I am losing importance."

Solidarity and Mr. Walesa have threatened a series of protests this month against the closing of the shipyard and the breakdown of moves toward negotiations between the government and Solidarity. The union blames the new political conflict on the refusal of General Wojciech Jaruzelski's leadership to consider the legalization of the union, as well as on the confrontational tactics of Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the prime minister.

Senior union leaders have also said, however, that they believe the country may not be ready for strikes as winter nears.

In the last week, Solidarity has pursued a strategy of trying to unite with official Communist-backed unions and the shipyard administration to oppose the closing, which is scheduled for Dec. 1.

Both of the strikes Tuesday appeared weak. Mr. Walesa said 500 of the repair shipyard's 5,800 workers were involved in the occupation. The management of the enterprise declared a two-day holiday when the protest began and the shipyard's other workers went home, government officials said.

At the Wisla yard, witnesses said only a few dozen workers occupied one gate of the site, while much of the rest of the 900-member crew continued working.

The government spokesman, Jerzy Urban, confirmed that several hundred workers were involved in a strike attempt at the repair yard. He praised Mr. Walesa for refraining from a strike call, saying it showed realism and understanding on his part and could mark a slight move back toward dialogue between government and opposition.

Gorbachev Will Meet Estonians

By David Remnick
Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — Mikhail S. Gorbachev will meet here on Wednesday with the leaders of the Estonian republic, where people are irate about proposed changes in the Soviet Constitution that they say will further centralize power in Moscow.

In the last week, Estonians have launched a major petition drive in streets and factories, calling on the government to abandon the new draft laws and give the country's 15 constituent republics greater sovereignty.

According to sources in the Estonian capital of Tallinn, many people there are so angry over the draft laws that if the proposals are passed in Moscow, they will call for secession from the Soviet Union. Such a movement would be an extraordinary challenge for the Soviet leadership.

"No republic has ever tried it," an economist, Arvo Kudo, said in a telephone interview, "but republics can leave the country under the laws of the constitution. I'm not saying it will come to that, but people are very upset."

Mr. Gorbachev will meet in the Kremlin with the republic's Communist Party leader, Vaino Valjas, and two leaders of the Estonian Popular Front, a movement that has called for more economic and political independence from Moscow.

Mr. Valjas has not made any strong public statements supporting the movement against the constitution, but he is popular in the republic and is sympathetic to the goals of the Popular Front.



SAKHAROV IN MASSACHUSETTS — Andrei D. Sakharov holding a maple leaf while strolling in Somerville, Massachusetts. The Soviet human rights activist entered a hospital Tuesday for cardiovascular tests, reportedly to see if he needs a pacemaker.

Economic Ills Compound Yugoslav Political Strife

By C.G. Cupic
Special to the Herald Tribune

BELGRADE — "You get used to cold showers," said Mrs. Jerko Antic as she showed a visitor her three-bedroom apartment in a high-rise suburban building. The family's hot water heater broke two years ago and the Antics cannot afford to replace it.

"With our inflation, we already spend every dinar we earn," she said. "The heater has to wait until we repay other loans."

Inflation is just one of the major problems in a Yugoslavia wracked by economic hardship. According to the Federal Statistics Office, retail prices rose 19 percent in October from September and inflation is at an annual rate of 236 percent.

The ethnic strife that is troubling Yugoslavia is linked to the economic distress. Many ethnic protest meetings this year in Serbia and Montenegro have turned into demonstrations against the economic policies that have depressed the standard of living to the level of late 1960s. Last month, a group of workers marched into the federal parliament to protest low wages and the general economic crisis.

Although the hot water heater will have to wait, the Antic family

makes relatively good money. Mr. Antic works as an electrician at a shipyard in Split, on the Adriatic coast. He takes home 500,000 dinars (about \$140) a month; his wife, a part-time accountant at a plastics factory, earns about 450,000 dinars. More than half of their income is spent on rent and utilities, their two sons' day care and on loan payments for furniture and electrical appliances.

Like thousands of other families, the Antics are still adding up the cost of Yugoslavia's loan and credit policy during the mid-1970s. Then, consumer loans were easy to obtain, inflation was relatively low (under 15 percent), and interest rates were even lower (about 6 percent). Many people sought loans to finance new houses, apartments and vacation homes, to buy consumer goods or to travel.

"The rich and powerful were taking big loans and had their houses built, while the small and poor were getting loans big enough to buy the material for houses that they built themselves," said a Belgrade economist who works for a federal planning commission and who requested anonymity.

"Absolutely everybody could have taken any kind of loan and almost everybody did," he contin-

ued. "Now, we point fingers at each other but deep down we know that all of us took a piece of the pie."

His analysis was backed by a foreign trade official in Croatia, who also requested anonymity.

"Our economy was booming, we could get easy loans on the world's financial market," he said. "We forgot that we were an underdeveloped country. We overestimated our abilities."

Easy borrowing brought an explosion of consumerism. Those who bought apartments or built houses in the late 1970s were lucky — today, they are making extremely low monthly repayments.

For example, Franka Buic of Zagreb bought her 30-square-meter (323-square-foot) studio for 540,000 dinars in 1979 (then worth \$29,000). She was earning 4,000 dinars a month at the time and her mortgage was 5,000 dinars a month, at 6 percent interest, for 20 years. Her company signed a bank guarantee knowing that she made extra money working as a translator.

"I'm still paying 5,000 dinars a month but today I'm earning 550,000," Ms. Buic said. "If I rented an apartment of the same size, I would be paying at least 10 times more rent. Now, 5,000-dinars buys

two cups of coffee and a pack of cigarettes."

The loan policy has tightened up in the last few years. Zagreb's Republic of Croatia Bank provided 17,658 loans in 1986, of which 3,713 were consumer loans.

In the first nine months of 1988, the bank issued 505 loans, including only three consumer loans. Borrowers now pay floating interest rates that are adjusted every three months and are higher than the rate of inflation.

Bad planning, political rivalries, corruption, disparities between the developed north and the underdeveloped south are among other factors often blamed by Yugoslavs for the present situation.

Among the resources that Yugoslavs are increasingly using to get by are their savings in foreign currency, which they receive in remittances from Yugoslav workers abroad and from private exchange deals with tourists.

Frane Horvat, president of the federal Committee for Tourism, noted, "In the first nine months of this year, Yugoslavia earned \$1.27 billion, which is 28 percent more than in the same period last year. At the same time, there was only a 3-percent increase in the number of foreign tourists. It is difficult to

East Germany's Army Wins Praise From Foes

NATO Cites Discipline, Training And Excellence of Officer Corps

By Bernard E. Trainor
New York Times Service

DRESDEN, East Germany — Most NATO officers rate the East German Army the best in the Warsaw Pact — the Soviet Army included — although it numbers only 120,000 and is made up of conscripts who serve only 18 months as compared to two years for most of the pact armies.

The reputation of the East German Army is based on discipline, thoroughness of training and, most of all, the leadership of its officers.

The army identifies youngsters with the potential to be military officers while they are still in high school and steers them toward a military career.

In recent discussions on military matters at East Germany's principal military schools, officers, students and faculty alike repeatedly stressed the defensive nature of Communist military forces, the threat of American nuclear weapons and the refusal of the West to seek political solutions and an

agreement for further demilitarization in Europe.

There are two institutions in East Germany that train officers for senior leadership positions: Wilhelm Pieck Military-Political College in East Berlin and Friedrich Engels Military Academy in Dresden.

The Pieck school, named after the first president of East Germany, trains selected political officers for the army. Political officers serve at every level within the armed forces as deputy commanders responsible for educating soldiers in political thought. Western armies have no comparable officer.

The academy in Dresden concentrates more on professional military matters and its graduates have given the East Germans a good reputation within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. But the Dresden school also sees its fundamental mission as expressing Communist thought.

Both schools are similar in organization and teaching technique. The courses last from three to four years and are attended by captains and junior majors whose average age is 28.

According to Major General Rolf Dietzer, commandant of the Engels school, the students study philosophy, history, political economics and a subject called political management.

The students, he said, are graded on the correctness of political thought, clarity and logic of expression and polemics. Independent thought is encouraged, according to the general, "as long as it contributes to social realism and is scientifically supportable."

The Engels academy, with about 400 students, has double the enrollment of the political college in Berlin and includes students from other Warsaw Pact and Communist countries, including Vietnam.

Pinochet's Delegate On the Junta Resigns

SANTIAGO — President Augusto Pinochet, completing a shake-up in the Chilean Army after his defeat in a plebiscite, has accepted the resignation of his representative on the ruling junta, an army commander said.

General Humberto Gordon, a former secret police chief, resigned after six years as general Pinochet's stand-in on the junta, which comprises the commanders-in-chief of the armed forces and the national police.

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WORLD BRIEFS

New Launching Set for Soviet Shuttle

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union will try again in the next few days to launch a space shuttle after an attempt in October was scrubbed because of a last-minute technical malfunction, Radio Moscow reported Tuesday.

British Broadcast Unions Reject Plan

LONDON (Reuters) — Spokesmen for British broadcasting unions unanimously opposed government proposals on Tuesday to ease broadcasting controls.

Cambodia Talks End With Little Gain

FERE-ENTANDENOIS, France (Reuters) — Cambodian peace talks ended inconclusively Tuesday with negotiators agreed on only one basic issue: to put off another round of talks until September.

India Army General Killed in Punjab

NEW DELHI (NYT) — Gunmen presumed to be Sikhs killed a senior Indian Army general on Monday outside his home in Chandigarh, the Punjab capital, news agencies reported Tuesday. No group took responsibility for the attack.

Burma Closes Courts for 10 Months

BANGKOK (Reuters) — Rangoon announced Tuesday that all courts would be closed until April in Burma, where hundreds of people have been arrested since mid-September after anti-government rioting.

For the Record

A four-month-old baby boy has died of AIDS in the Black Sea resort of Odessa after being infected with the virus by his mother before birth, Stroituynya Gazeta reported Tuesday. It was the second reported death from AIDS in the Soviet Union.

10 Seized In Israel as Arab Youths Battle Police

TAIBE, Israel — Hundreds of stone-throwing Arab youths fought police on Tuesday during one of the largest protests in an Israeli town since a Palestinian uprising began in the occupied territories 11 months ago.

A RARE APPEARANCE BY BEGIN — Former Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel leaving a memorial ceremony held in honor of his wife in Jerusalem Tuesday.

Police fired tear gas to disperse masked demonstrators who set up roadblocks, burned tires and hurled stones. Tear demonstrators were arrested.



A RARE APPEARANCE BY BEGIN — Former Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel leaving a memorial ceremony held in honor of his wife in Jerusalem Tuesday. It was Mr. Begin's first appearance in public since a similar ceremonial occasion last year.

PLO: An Internal Debate Over the Recognition Issue

(Continued from Page 1) The outcome of the Israeli elections, Mr. Milhem indicated, has strengthened the arguments of those who argue against concessions on the grounds that there is no prospect of Israeli benevolence in return.

VOTE: Bush Shows Early Strength

(Continued from Page 1) A New York Times/CBS News Poll reported Sunday that among registered voters making up their minds late, 43 percent felt Mr. Bush was more responsible for the negative campaigning there has been this year, and only 17 percent blamed Mr. Dukakis.

Kingman Brewster Dies at 69

The Associated Press NEW HAVEN, Connecticut — Kingman Brewster, 69, former president of Yale University and U.S. ambassador to Britain, died Tuesday of a brain hemorrhage at a hospital in England, a Yale spokesman said.

MEMORIES: Kristallnacht Still Etched in Agony

(Continued from Page 1) know what happened on the marketplace of Montauban in the not-so-distant past in front of everybody, so that the situation can never happen again," Mr. Possel-Dolken said.

Invited to join in the commemoration were 12 Jews, the only survivors the mayor could find of the old community in Montauban.

Some, like Alfred Stern, who was 13 on Kristallnacht, have refused. "You must understand that although these events took place 50 years ago, I have not forgotten the behavior of the people at that time," he wrote the mayor.

Thus, Palestinian officials said, a lobby had emerged favoring acceptance of Resolutions 242 and 338 as a basis for negotiation, and condemning terrorism in all its forms, including state terrorism.

The issue of recognition has divided the PLO. Hard-line factions based in Damascus oppose early suggestions, made by the mainstream Fatah movement of the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, that the organization make major concessions.

Against this argument, some Palestinians maintain that the shifts in the region have lessened the significance of accepting a resolution recognizing Israel. They say the declaration of an independent nation — albeit under Israeli occupation —

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European Flight Delays Grow Worse

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — Flight delays on European airlines are still increasing and will rise further, despite the end of the peak tourist season, the secretary-general of the Association of European Airlines said Tuesday.

NICARAGUA: Pleas but No Aid

(Continued from Page 1) has declined from \$700 million to about \$500 million. The hurricane caught the government just when it had undercut its own position for more foreign help, Western diplomats said.

Dining Out restaurant directory. Lists various restaurants in Paris with their addresses, phone numbers, and specialties. Includes entries for Grizza, Raffain & Honoring, Sancerre Wine Tasting, Chez Les Anges, Jarrasse, L'Alsace Aux Halles, Kitty O'Shea's Pub, John Jameson, Al Diwan, Indira and Vishnou, Goldenberg Wagram, Vienna, Kervansaray, and Cafe Drouant.

Subscription form for the International Herald Tribune. Includes a table of toll-free telephone numbers and subscription rates for various countries. The table has columns for Country/Currency, Toll-free Telephone Number, 12 months (+\$2 free issues), One Year Savings, 6 months (+26 free issues), and 3 months (+13 free issues). Below the table is a form to enter subscription details and a coupon to be mailed back.

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Toll Nears 1,000 In China Quake

By Daniel Southerland
Washington Post Service

BEIJING — Hundreds of Chinese soldiers were deployed in relief operations Tuesday as the death toll from the earthquake that struck southwest China on Sunday rose close to 1,000.

An official in the Chinese Civil Affairs Ministry in Beijing said the death toll had reached 938, but it was clear that government information on casualties was still far from complete.

Reached by telephone on Tuesday night, an official at the national seismological center in Beijing said it was still impossible to know the full extent of the casualties because roads and communications to some affected areas were still cut.

The Chinese national television network, giving its viewers details of the earthquake for the first time, showed pictures of Chinese Army trucks loaded with soldiers rolling through damaged towns in Yunnan Province.

The television report also

showed relief workers carrying the body of an earthquake victim against a background of shattered houses.

A local newspaper in Kunming, the capital of Yunnan Province, said the government had deployed 1,000 troops in 50 trucks to aid civilian relief workers. The epicenter of the earthquake was about 390 kilometers (240 miles) southwest of Kunming.

One official in Kunming advised a foreign reporter to get his information from the Xinhua news agency. But the agency has been slow to report on casualties and has issued only a few brief reports on the earthquake.

People's Daily, the leading Communist Party newspaper, carried a report on the earthquake on its front page on Tuesday but made no mention of casualties.

The earthquake has reminded the Chinese once again that 1988 is the Year of the Dragon, considered to be a year of trouble, turmoil and change. In the last Year of the Dragon, 1976, an earthquake killed at least a quarter of a million people in the northeast Chinese city of Tangshan.

The government appears eager to show that it is in control. In similar circumstances in the past, it has tended to withhold information about natural disasters until it can demonstrate success in dealing with them.

Executions Delayed in India

NEW DELHI — The Indian Supreme Court on Tuesday further stayed the execution of two Sikhs convicted of the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.



Youngsters in a Manila suburb using a makeshift raft made of tires and planks on Tuesday after a typhoon left the streets flooded.

49 Feared Dead in Philippine Typhoon

MANILA — At least 49 people were feared killed and more than 100,000 fled their homes when a typhoon struck the Philippines, officials said Tuesday.

Relief officials said floods swept through villages in Capiz and Caramines Sur Provinces when the

second destructive typhoon in two weeks hit the central region with 110-mile-an-hour (175-kilometer-an-hour) winds.

The typhoon, called Skip, missed hitting Manila directly. It was heading toward Vietnam on Tuesday, the weather service said.

At least 21 people were feared

killed when landslides crushed 10 houses in the mountainside village of Santa Rosa in Caramines Sur, Gloria Linao, the provincial civil defense administrator, said.

Three people were buried alive and three were missing and feared dead in another landslide in nearby Pili.

Red Cross and Social Welfare Department officials said 22 people died, most by drowning, elsewhere in the country. Nine drowned in coastal villages around Manila.

Many of those drowned were children and elderly people. Officials said that communications with many villages in the interior of the affected provinces were

difficult and that the casualty toll could rise once reports arrived. Provincial officials turned churches, schools and public markets into temporary evacuation centers to house about 115,000 people who fled floods in six provinces.

A government spokesman said army helicopters were flying food supplies to marooned villages.

A rebel worker, Ale Edson, said cranes reported that floodwaters had risen to the roofs of houses in Pontevedra, on the central island of Panay.

About 80 percent of the town of San Jose on Mindoro was under water, a Red Cross spokesman said.

Thailand to Strengthen Ties to Burma Regime

By Steven Erlanger
New York Times Service

BANGKOK — After some sharp internal debate, Thailand has decided to expand relations significantly with the military government in Burma, the Thai Foreign Ministry announced Tuesday.

In the last week of November, the Thai deputy foreign minister, Prapas Limpabhandin, will visit Rangoon at the head of a substantive economic and trade delegation that will introduce "a very broad relationship," Thai officials said.

The Thai move will mark a break in the diplomatic freeze faced by the Burmese military government of General Saw Maung, which took power Sept. 18 in a coup that crushed civilian demonstrations. The protesters were demanding an immediate transition to democracy and an end to single-party rule.

Diplomats in Burma say that well over 1,000 people died in the military crackdown that reasserted the power of the elite around the country's longtime dictator, U Ne Win. The Rangoon government's official figure is about 440 dead.

General Saw Maung has promised to open Burma to significant foreign trade and to conduct elections when "order is restored." The government announced Friday that 107 political parties had

registered for the elections, dividing the opposition. Voting is expected to take place this spring.

As many as 5,000 Burmese students, who led the demonstrations against the regime, have fled to insurgent groups of ethnic minorities along Burma's borders.

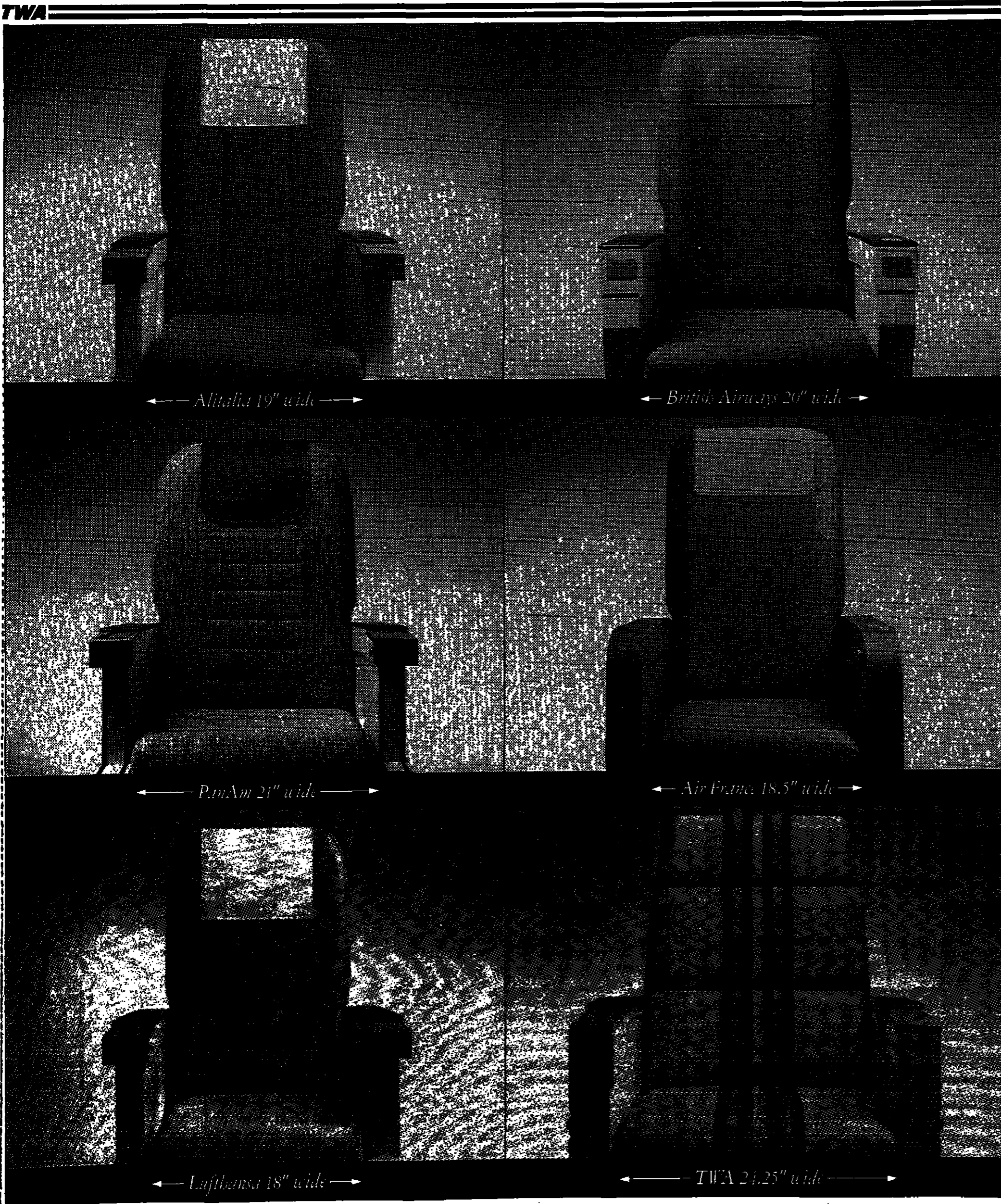
The Thai government has reacted coldly to student requests for assistance, and has deported Burmese students found in Thailand illegally.

Thailand is the only country that has kept a correct and neighborly foreign policy toward Burma," one Thai official said. "We never tried to interfere with internal Burmese policy. We remain an ally, the best friend Burma has had in a hostile environment."

The Thai officials said there was some sharp debate about the wisdom of their diplomatic initiative.

"Some thought it was improper, because it implied recognition of the military regime," one said. "But that was never an issue, for we have never broken relations with Burma."

After the September crackdown, Japanese, American and West European governments put a freeze on economic and military aid, loans and trade with Burma until there was "an improvement" in the domestic political situation.



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BROADENING THE BUSINESS BASE

Liberalization and privatization, the keystones of Moroccan economic policy, are bringing radical changes to this North African country, which plans to build a permanent link with Europe, the natural ally of the pro-Western kingdom.

The centrist government of Premier Azzedine Laraki vowed to implement a "bold privatization policy" when it took office in April 1985. Last month it submitted draft legislation to parliament to privatize about 400 state enterprises.

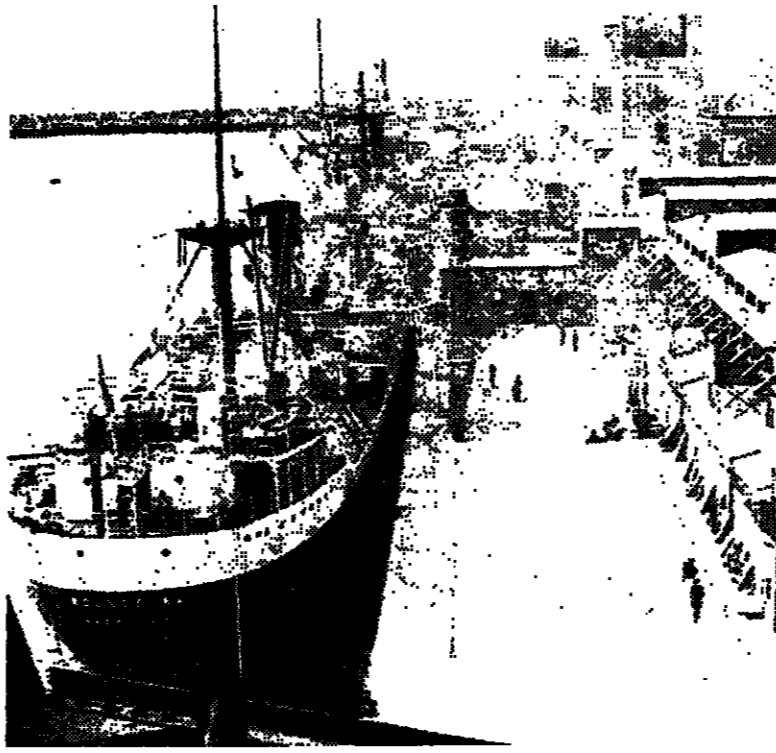
Privatization dovetails into the government's financial readjustment program, policies which have earned it the support of the World Bank and the IMF. In October Morocco had \$940 million worth of debt rescheduled by the Paris Club of Eleven creditor nations, a move that officials in Rabat viewed as a vote of confidence in the country.

Recent performance shows promise. Finance Minister Mohamed Berrada predicts that inflation will be kept down to 4.5 percent this year, one of the lowest rates in the Third World, and that gross domestic product will grow 5 percent.

New industrial investments approved by the government in the first nine months of this year rose by over 40 percent to 4.1 billion dirhams (\$500 million) compared to the same period in 1987. The vast majority of the fresh capital is being put up by private promoters, domestic and foreign.

The government also plans to develop the phosphate industry to make it a world leader before the end of this century, and to modernize its infrastructure.

High tech and learning English have also become part of the business scene, particularly among a younger generation keen to keep up with economic innovations in the Western world, the example being set in both fields by King Hassan himself.



In the future, Morocco's thriving shipping industry may be complemented by a permanent link across the Straits of Gibraltar.



Permanent Link Planned Between Africa and Europe

The limestone Rock of Gibraltar and its sister peak at Ceuta on the African side — the so-called "Pillars of Hercules" — are only 10 miles (16 kilometers) apart and the idea of linking them together has been discussed for over a century.

When the Spanish engineer Laurent de Valledieu proposed the idea in 1869 it was pronounced "useless and impossible." But over the past 20 years there have been numerous meetings between politicians, technicians and engineers from both sides to study the project. Now the governments in Madrid and Rabat are giving it serious consideration.

An ancient Greek myth says Hercules created the Gibraltar Straits by pushing apart the African and European continents. Now Spain and Morocco want to join them together again.

King Juan Carlos of Spain and Morocco's King Hassan II, who are due to meet this month, have both given their support to what is being billed as potentially the biggest engineering achievement of the 21st century.

Most experts agree the difficulties are gigantic. Between Gibraltar and Ceuta, where the straits are nearly 3,000 feet (900 meters) deep,

the enormous water pressures would make burrowing a tunnel difficult. Further west the waters are shallower, but the distance between Spain and Morocco is over 22 miles (35 kilometers).

Added to this, there are the problems of high winds and strong currents to contend with. Moreover, despite the Greek myth, the straits were in fact formed by a colossal

geological fault at a point where the African and European land masses meet. It is by no means certain that the fault is entirely stable and not prone to seismic movements.

Finally, the Gibraltar Straits are among the busiest shipping lanes in the world, with many millions of tons of traffic passing through each year between the Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

The promoters have yet to decide whether to build a bridge or dig a tunnel. Either solution would take between 10 and 15 years and, while current estimates of the cost have already reached \$10 billion, this fig-

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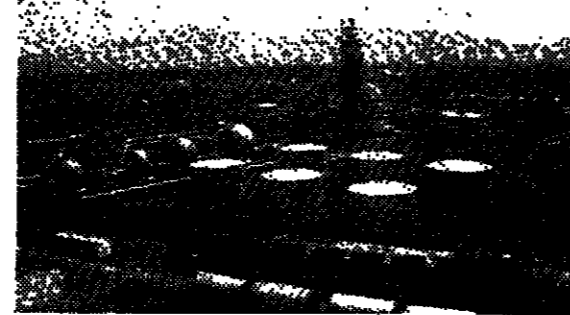


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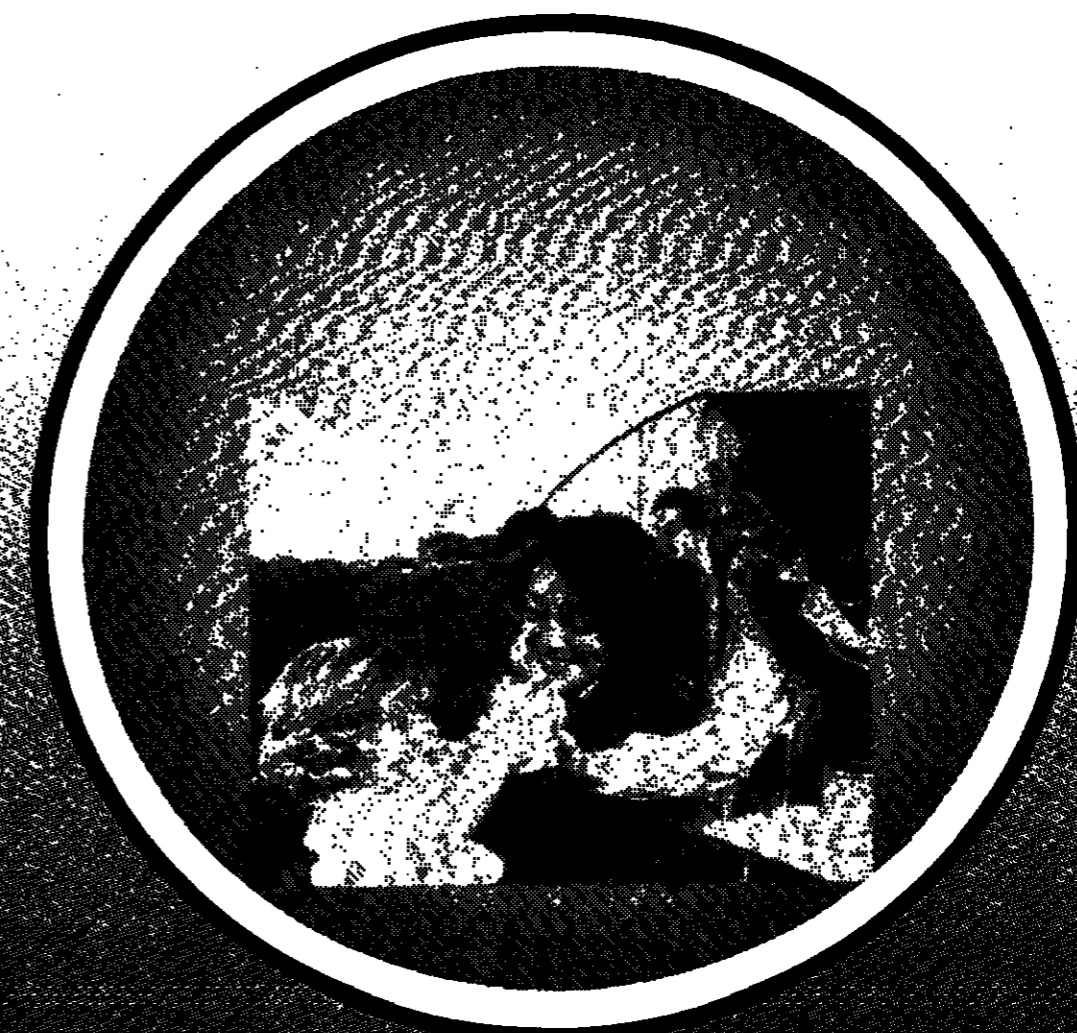
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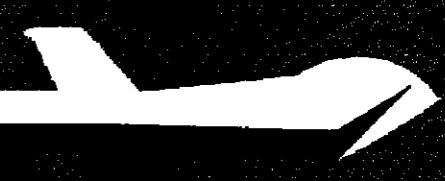
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Building on the Basis of A Modern Infrastructure

Morocco has an impressive infrastructure, one which belies its image as a poor, third-world country. Travel is easy and communications are good in all but the most isolated areas.

All of its cities — be it the ancient imperial capitals of Fez and Marrakech, the thriving modern port of Casablanca, the faded splendor of post-colonial Tangier, or the bustling tourist center of Agadir — boast superb hotels.

Some of the more famous such as the El Minzah in Tangier, the favorite haunt of a wealthy expatriate community when the city was governed under international mandate, have passed into legend.

The good times may have gone forever, but it is still worth a visit. Old aristocratic ladies from obscure European dynasties still play cards in the bar, dreaming of a by-gone age.

Others like the Mamounia in Marrakech, where Winston Churchill used to paint and which multi-millionaire banker David Rockefeller described as the "cheapest luxury you can find anywhere these days," still do a thriving trade.

Well-surfaced roads wind their way through the Atlas and Rif mountain chains linking all major towns. Even the most remote villages now seem to be within a day's donkey ride of main roads. For the intrepid traveler, the most isolated parts of the country can be reached by landrover or jeep across bumpy mountain tracks.

In the main population centers, such as Casablanca, the roads are up to Western European standards. A motorway links the commercial capital and bustling port of Casablanca to the administrative capital of Rabat. Work on a new motorway from Rabat to Kenitra on the main route to the northern port of Tangier is expected to start shortly.

The country had a total of 59,200 kilometers (37,000 miles) of roads in 1986, of which almost half were paved and approximately one fifth classified as "A" roads.

A total of 760,000 vehicles were registered, but transport consultants claim the real figure could be far less because there is no adequate means of determining how many cars are scrapped each year.

For city-to-city travel, however, many prefer to take a train, which in Morocco offers the unbeatable combination of being quick, cheap and comfortable.

The famous Marrakech express links Casablanca and the ancient imperial town on the snow-capped Atlas mountains. Now known as the "Aouita" — after Morocco's world-renowned athlete — the express takes a little under four and a half hours.

Traveling first class is not expensive — about 16 dollars for a Casablanca-Marrakech round trip. Compartments are air-conditioned and drinks and food regularly served. For longer journeys, overnight sleeping cars are also available.

Morocco's 1,780 kilometers (1,100 miles) of rail track carried about 12 million passengers and millions of tons of goods traffic in 1986.

Passenger traffic has grown rapidly since 1973 — when only 4.3 million people were carried — largely due to the government's campaign to promote the use of public transport.

In 1984, the Office National des Chemins de Fer (ONCF) finished building a second track between Casablanca and Rabat on which the frequent shuttle trains leave every 40 minutes to reach speeds of 160 kilometers an hour (100 miles an hour).

For the more adventurous, there is a nationwide coach and bus service — reputed by serious travelers to be the only real way to see the country and meet the people.

But for those who left back-packing on the campus, the national air carrier Royal Air Maroc (RAM) also has a number of reasonably priced internal flights.

Morocco has international airports at Casablanca, Rabat, Tangier, Marrakech, Agadir, Fez, Oujda and Laayoune in the Western Sahara.

With 30 offices worldwide, RAM has regular flights to Europe and the United States. There is a direct



Road, rail and shipping links converge on Casablanca.

Casablanca-New York flight, but for other U.S. routes one often has to pass through Paris.

RAM — 93 percent owned by the state — plays a key role in developing the country's tourism. It has already announced the purchase of 10 new Boeing 747s at a cost of \$450 million — and taken an option on a further 10 — to reequip its fleet in readiness for increased competition after deregulation hits nearby Western Europe.

RAM, which already has two jumbo 747s in a total fleet of 22 aircraft, has an annual turnover of around three billion dirhams (350 million dollars) and employs 4,800 staff in 30 countries. In 1986, the airline carried some 1.5 million passengers and 20,000 metric tons of cargo.

Morocco has also developed a thriving shipping industry. The country's main ports are Casablanca, and Tangier in the north. A new \$136 million oil terminal at Mo-

hammedia port, a few miles north from Casablanca, was inaugurated by King Hassan in August.

Last December, a new ultra-modern port at Jorf Lasfar (80 miles south of Casablanca) that is equipped to receive 100,000-ton oil tankers and 150,000-ton natural gas carriers also entered into operation.

The complex cost some \$6 million to build. It consists of a two-mile-long jetty and a number of smaller floating quays and is destined to become the main outlet for Morocco's phosphate exports after completion of a delivery pipe.

Following the new investments, activity in Morocco's ports increased by 11.7 percent during the first nine months of 1988 against the same 1987 period. Official figures reveal that 28.8 million metric tons were shipped through the end of August 1988.

Michael Scott



Mr. Driss Basri, who heads the Ministry of Interior and Information, is an avid proponent of decentralization. Under his leadership, the ministry is studying means to further improve the financing of city projects. State aid toward infrastructural change at the municipal level has already increased from 220 million dirhams in 1978 to 615 million dirhams in 1985.

Information Technology: Low Costs and High Hopes

As Morocco moves into the information age, high tech has captured the attention of industrialists and fired the imagination of inventors.

A Mediterranean "Exposcience" exhibition in Rabat in July featured inventions by Abdullah Boukhanfoura, a Moroccan experimental science student and a self-confessed "electronics freak." Not yet 20 years old, he has designed audio and video cassettes that can be recorded on both sides, patented his inventions and said he was negotiating with multinationals to market them.

Even King Hassan II has joined the list of Moroccan inventors. He designed an apparatus to monitor an athlete's heartbeats while running around a track by a remote-controlled radio and video system.

The device was demonstrated to the public for the first time at the Exposcience show attended by 300 high-tech buffs aged between 13 and 20 from around the Mediterranean.

In Rabat the government has its own information science school where students are being trained for jobs in the administration, plus a telecommunications school.

There is also a government program to train people in nuclear technology in readiness for the day when the country starts to generate its own nuclear energy.

Visiting educators say high tech is catching on quickly. They have detected considerable enthusiasm among students for advanced technology. Computer magazines sell well and private schools for data-processing training are thriving.

"It is considered very chic and modern to know what a byte is," one said.

An estimated 10,000 microcomputers are already in use, three quarters of them in the private sector, and about 60 retail outlets have opened in the country.

Retailers say there is a "free-for-all" atmosphere in the market where a wide variety of makes is available — IBM, Burroughs, Apple, Bull, Hewlett Packard, Amstrad, Nixdorf and others.

The government hopes to regulate this sector during the current 1988-92 economic development plan, and has set up a special com-

mittee to map out a strategy for developing the industry.

But market operators say the government would do better to leave well enough alone because all the growth to date has been the work of private enterprises in a free-market environment.

Hassan Kadiri, chief of information technology at the Planning Ministry's statistics department, argues that coordination is desirable because data-processing technology has tended to outstrip the capacity of the telecommunications network. The telecoms administration is in the process of modernizing the network with a major digital switching program, but it will take several years to complete.

The potential market for computer equipment could reach \$25 million, fueled by vigorous growth in the export-oriented textile and agro-industry sectors which must operate in the highly competitive European market.

While one company has started manufacturing Atlas micros, the government says it will welcome multinationals who want to set up joint ventures.

A start in this field has been made by Nixdorf of West Germany in a project which incorporates a program for technical and maintenance training, a concept which the authorities say they are keen to encourage.

Motorola of the United States and the European conglomerate Philips have investigated the possibility of using low-cost Moroccan labor to produce high-tech components, but the most successful venture in this sector to date is a subsidiary of SGS-Thomson of France.

Thomson set up its local subsidiary, Société de Fabrications Radioélectriques Marocaines (SFRM), before independence in 1952 and it now employs 2,100 staff at its two plants in the Casablanca area. Its plant in Ain Sebaa, the industrial suburb north of Casablanca, manufactures semiconductors for export.

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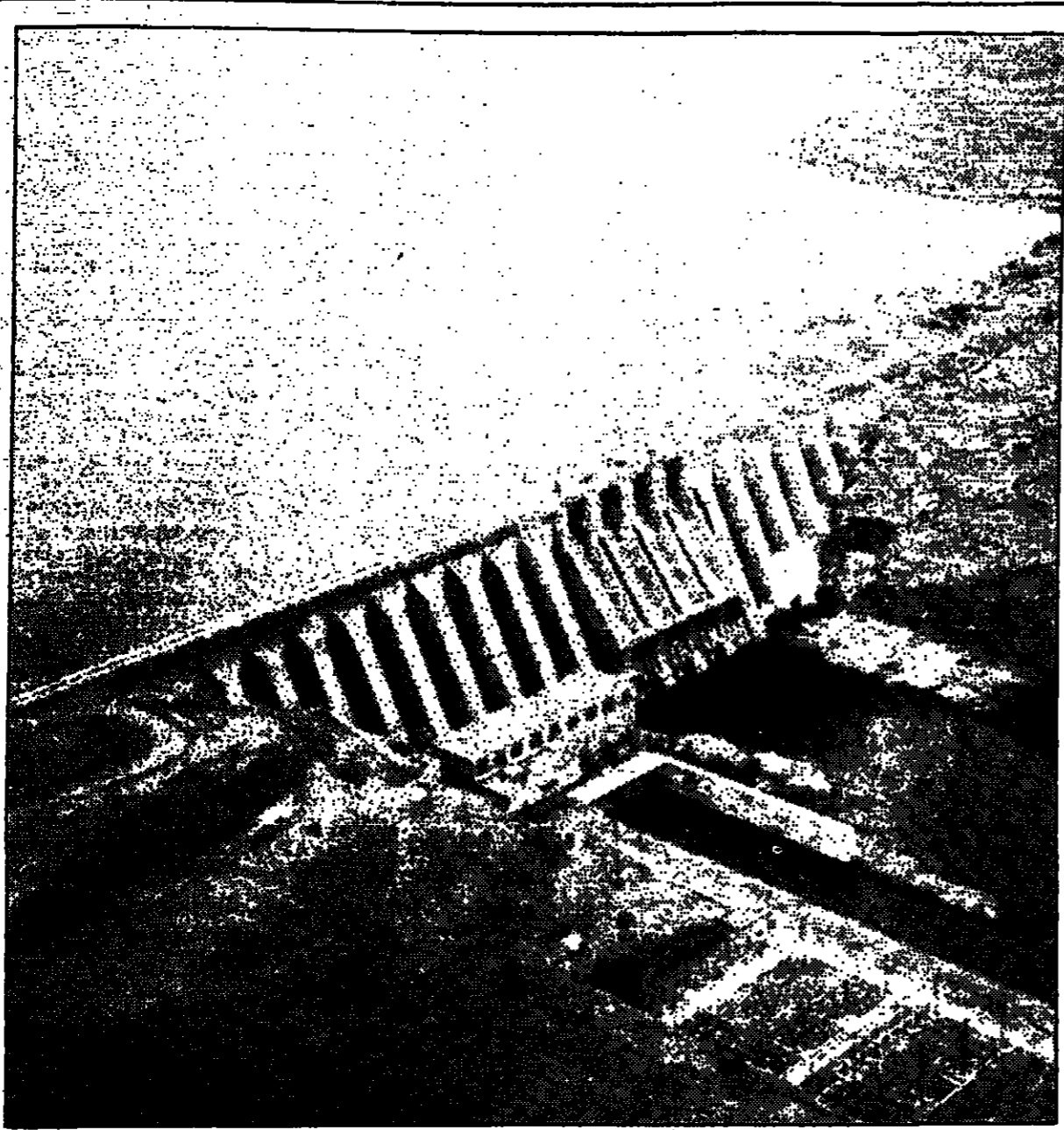
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In recent years, research and development have played a key part in Morocco's emergence as a modern country. Science and technology have underpinned the country's ambitious schedule to construct one new dam a year, a project most emphatically embodied in Al Massira — the largest dam in Morocco. The dam, which supplies the inhabitants, industries and farmers in the region between Casablanca and Safi, is named after the celebrated Green March which King Hassan II launched in 1975 to reclaim desert lands.

Personal Contact Is the Key to Business

Hotels are numerous and good, equipped with telex and direct dial international telephones. The main credit cards are widely accepted and it is easy to change travelers checks. Food is generally good and labor cheap and willing.

Situated on the crossroads between Europe and Africa, the Mediterranean and Atlantic, Christianity and Islam, Morocco is eager to diversify away from the traditional sources of supply and ready to welcome foreign firms.

course, no offense will be taken over frugal eating.

And they won't let visitors go home unless they have tasted the national beverage: piping hot green tea flavored with fresh mint and sweetened with large chunks of sugar. Although very hot it is an excellent thirst-quencher and good for the digestion.

The last word must be about Moroccan wines. Their quality can be judged by the fact that large quantities are exported to France. There are good local reds and rosés like Toulal Guerrouane that go down very well with a tajine.

Michael Scott

In the main hotels of Casablanca and Rabat there are well-equipped "business centers" with facsimile machines, photocopiers and secretaries to type notes and receive confidential telex messages. Interpreter and translation services are also readily available.

English or German, few of them are fluent, and fewer still would take any serious initiative on the basis of descriptive material in English or German.

can be fun. The people are friendly and interested in foreigners. All the main hotels have tennis courts and access to superb golf courses.

In addition, the country has a good infrastructure with excellent road, air and rail links; all the main international car hire firms are in evidence. All the main cities have international airports, taxis are cheap and plentiful supply, and the port of Casablanca is now one of the most important on the whole continent.

Indeed, it is exceptional for unsolicited direct mail — even in French — to meet with any response at all. Foreign firms are strongly advised against direct mail, particularly as a way of finding an agent.

If a businessman is invited to a traditional Moroccan meal of numerous courses, he should remember that food is eaten with the fingers of the right hand and that while a guest is expected to partake of some of each

The country is safe. It has a low crime rate and foreigners do not need inoculations though boosters may be advisable.

Foreign businessmen regularly find that discussions during a trip reveal opportunities not previously envisaged.

But Morocco is not a market which can be successfully entered or cultivated from a distance. Visits are indispensable.

It is a pleasant country to visit, but business visitors should avoid the Muslim holy month of Ramadan (which is determined by the lunar calendar and has recently fallen around May) and the summer holiday season of mid-July to the end of August.

French is still the business language. Businessmen and officials are more familiar with French commercial practices and therefore the way a non-French firm makes its initial approach is extremely important.

Moroccans like holidays and there are many feast days. When a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday — Morocco observes the Christian weekend for business purposes — King Hassan II often declares an extra weekday's holiday. In such cases only a few days' notice is given.

Firms unable or unwilling to correspond and provide literature in French create a practical and psychological barrier which will seriously impede gaining a market foothold.

Above all else, doing business in the country

Although there is a growing interest among businessmen in learning

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Permanent Link Planned

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ure might double or even triple by the time ground is broken.

Several solutions are being studied, beginning with a classic tunnel at the shallower end of the straits. It would have to be up to 30 miles (48 kilometers) long, including the land-approaches on each side.

A second formula is a "floating tunnel" formed by a tube submerged half way below the surface and anchored to the bottom by huge cables. But this may prove a serious hazard for Soviet or NATO submarines, not to mention the risk they present to the tube itself.

A bridge could take one of two forms. It might float on large pontoons, with several long spans to let ships pass underneath. Or it could become the world's longest suspension bridge and be anchored to off-shore pylons.

The latter would be spectacular, but experts say current technology is incapable of building the

9,800 feet (3,000 meter) spans that would be needed. Before this could happen new metal alloys need to be developed.

Another possibility would be to build a dam with a causeway running along the top. On each end of this dam there would be locks to let ships through and turbines to generate electric power.

Aside from the technical problems, promoters say they have yet to convince the world that such a link would be economically viable.

In Spain and Morocco, the project is seen as being on a par with the Suez Canal. But while the Canal was clearly a profitable proposition, the economic necessity of linking Africa and Europe is less obvious.

Nobel laureate Wassily Leontief was recently asked to report on the economic implications and evaluate the potential for north-south traffic.

The most enthusiastic of the permanent link's promoters believe there is a huge potential for chan-

neling trade, most of which is currently carried by sea, between Europe and North and West Africa. Their brochures show how African road and rail networks converge on Tangier on the straits, along routes that could be used to speed up north-south trade.

This October, in Rabat, a joint Moroccan-Spanish committee agreed to convene a conference of European and African business and transport leaders to arouse international interest in the link.

To be held in Morocco in 1990, the conference would also have to talk about financial strategies and launch an appeal for international aid.

Manuel Panadaro, head of the Spanish delegation on the committee, said: "The project has become a serious idea for the international scientific community which we hope will be reinforced by the conference."

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Natural Resources: Balancing the Equation

Phosphate rock — the raw material of fertilizers and detergents — is the mainstay of Morocco's economy. The country boasts the world's biggest reserves of phosphate rock with an estimated 58 million metric tons or 70 percent of the world's total.

While the United States and the Soviet Union produce more raw rock, Morocco is the world's biggest phosphate exporter, although the tonnage sold abroad has gradually declined from a peak of about 20 to 13 million metric tons in 1987.

The price fetched by raw rock has also fallen from a high of \$64 to below \$30 a ton, but this is offset by processing the rock locally instead of exporting it raw.

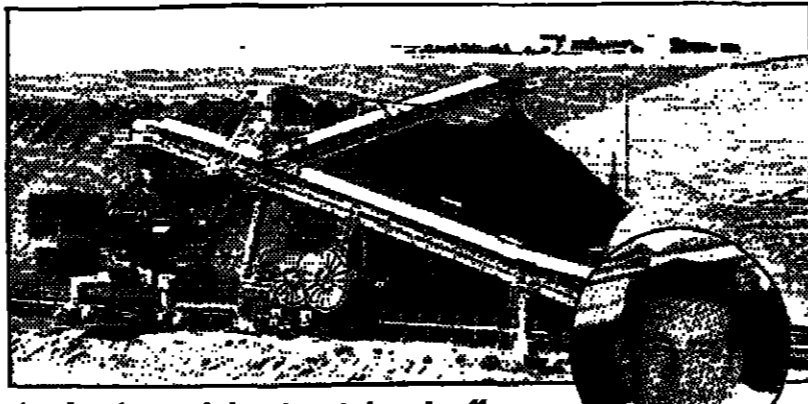
Since the mid-1970s, increasing quantities of phosphate have been transformed locally into higher value fertilizers and phosphoric acid.

Exports of phosphoric acid reached a record 1.4 million metric tons last year, an increase of more

than 30 percent, while exports of fertilizers were around 700,000 metric tons.

The phosphate industry is a state monopoly run by the Office Chérifien des Phosphates (OCP), headed by former Prime Minister Mohamed Karim Lamrani and will not be affected by plans to privatize state enterprises. The biggest industrial enterprise in the country, it employs nearly 32,000 people and is a major contributor to the state treasury.

The OCP plans to increase local processing capacity at Safi and Jorf Lasfar, on the coast south of Casablanca, to 24 million metric tons a year, and raise raw rock production



An abundance of phosphate is largely offset by the absence of indigenous oil. To combat this, says Mohammed Fettaf, Minister of Mines and Energy: "We are encouraging research in methods to promote renewable energy resources to reduce our country's fuel expenses and alleviate cash flow problems."

capacity at the main mines in Yousoufia, Khourigba and elsewhere to 60 million metric tons by the year 2000. The number of phosphoric acid plants will increase from four to six, and a new mine is to be opened up with the help of the Soviet Union at Meskala, between the city of Marrakech and the Atlantic coast.

Meskala, where ground is to be

broken in 1992, is expected to eventually produce 10 million metric tons of rock for export to the Soviet Union under what the Moroccans term "the contract of the century."

The phosphate industry acts as a locomotive for other sectors, particularly energy production. A coal-fired electric power plant of 1,200 megawatts is to be built at Jorf Lasfar, a new harbor inaugu-

rated last year south of Casablanca. The plant will cover nearly 45 percent of the country's electric power requirements and be designed for easy conversion to natural gas.

Also on the drawing board is an oil refinery at Jorf Lasfar that will have an annual capacity of five million metric tons of crude. When added to the two existing refineries at Mohammedia and Sidi Kaçem, this would almost double the national capacity.

Because of slack world prices, which accounted for a 22.8 percent slump in export earnings in 1986, output of most minerals declined or stagnated last year, falling by 1.6 percent overall. The total value of mineral exports including raw phosphate in 1987 was just under \$500 million.

Conversely, oil accounts for the biggest debit in Morocco's balance of payments. Despite extensive searches on land and sea, no significant petroleum finds have been made in the last quarter of a century and Morocco remains heavily dependent on energy imports. Oil accounted for over 15 percent of total imports in 1987, compared to 13 percent the year before, and cost

nearly \$750 million. More than half of the 5 million metric tons of imported crude oil come from Saudi Arabia.

Several options are open to the officials seeking to remedy this energy deficiency. They include building more hydroelectric plants, and substituting coal for fuel oil in cement and sugar plants.

Plans to extract oil from the large shale deposits in the center and south of the country have been shelved due to the world slump in oil prices.

Also on a back burner are plans to build nuclear power plants. A site has been chosen for the first one near Essaouira on the coast north of Agadir, where nuclear power could eventually be generated from uranium extracted from phosphoric acid.

But Morocco's brightest hope today is the construction of a pipeline taking Algerian natural gas across north Morocco to Spain. The plan was agreed in principle after Morocco and Algeria were reconciled last May. King Hassan of Morocco and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid have both said they are determined to give priority to the pipeline project.

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Teaching English as a Second Language

Educators say English is enjoying a popular vogue for many reasons, but primarily because it is considered essential in order to acquire economic and scientific know-how.

Gordon Schomberg, a Londoner who taught English at a military college, says youngsters also see English as a "fun" language. "They like to be able to understand and sing pop music lyrics."

The trend is encouraged by King Hassan II, who speaks impeccable Arabic and French and has also learned English since he ascended to the throne in 1961. He gave a news conference in English when he last visited Washington.

There are upwards of 2,300 Moroccans teaching English in state schools, with English departments in all six universities, but in recent years there has also been a big boom in private schools either teaching the language or using it as a medium to learn business management and data-processing skills.

The U.S. is very active in the field. There are already six Ameri-

Moroccans generally have a gift for languages. Apart from their native Arabic or Berber, many of them learned to speak French or Spanish fluently during the protectorates, but since independence in 1956 English has become the "in" language.

can Language Centers in the country, and two more will be opening soon. "Business is booming," confirms Gary Butzbach, director of the center in Rabat.

The Peace Corps also has about a hundred volunteers teaching English in state schools, while the British Council teaches 650 students at its popular language school in Rabat.

Mr. Butzbach and British Council Director Peter Taylor say many of their adult students are anxious to learn English for professional reasons.

But Donald Britten, British adviser to the Education Ministry on the teaching of English, believes that the teaching of English will

really take off when improved methods and materials are introduced into the schools. English is already being upgraded in high school examinations to give it the same "coefficient" or rating as Arabic, and Education Minister Mohamed Hilali has said students in future will be given the option of taking either French or English as their first foreign language.

Students want to be able to read technical manuals and papers submitted to international conferences of all kinds. Many also dream of going to study in the U.S. or Britain.

Sue Baret of the American Middle East Foundation in Rabat says that "officially" there are 880 Mo-

roccans studying higher education in the U.S. but the real figure is probably nearer 2,000.

The figures are small compared to the number of Moroccan students in France (about 22,000), Belgium (6,500) or francophone Canada (3,500). The reason is not just that French is the dominant foreign language and likely to remain so, but also because higher education in these tends to cost less.

At the American schools in Tangier, Rabat and Casablanca, annual fees can reach \$4,000 — way beyond the budget of the average Moroccan family. French lycées cost a fraction of this amount, and graduates can also qualify for scholarships in France paid for by the French and Moroccan governments.

Still, educators say that despite an apparent "language overload," more and more Moroccans will be learning English and other foreign languages which King Hassan has described as "the key to the outside world."

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A Peace Corps volunteer teaching secondary school students English.

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Damaged Leonardo Has Delicate Surgery

By Sheila Rule
New York Times Service

LONDON — A drawing by Leonardo da Vinci, damaged last year when a vandal fired a shotgun at it from a distance of about seven feet, has largely been restored through an elaborate process in

which dozens of tiny fragments of paper were glued back together one by one.

The restoration, which began in January, is expected to be completed in several months and the 500-year-old drawing, "The Virgin and Child with St. Anne and St. John the Baptist," is to be returned to public display at the National Gallery here next spring.

The value of the sketch, also known as the Leonardo Cartoon, has been placed by some experts at more than \$35 million. It is believed to have been drawn by Leonardo in the mid-1490s for a painting that was never executed.

The cartoon was damaged in July 1987 by a man who carried a shotgun concealed under his coat. The man, Robert Cambridge, told the police his intent had been to show his disgust with "political, social and economic conditions in Britain." Cambridge is now in an institution for the criminally ill.

The pellets did not penetrate the cartoon, but the blast pulverized a section of protective laminated glass, tearing a hole about six inches in diameter on the Virgin's robe.

Martin Wyld, the gallery's chief restorer, said that, as a result of the restoration work, only about one square centimeter of the drawing, which is nearly 5 feet high by 3.5 feet wide (about 150 by 107 centimeters), had been lost. Wyld said glass fragments and loose bits of paper had had to be removed from the surface of the cartoon, which consists of eight sheets of linen paper pasted together in overlapping joints. The paper is coated in a

pinkish brown color and the drawing itself is in charcoal heightened with white chalk.

"Some of the fragments were only being held on by dust," Wyld said. "They had to be removed to get the powdered glass from underneath. We picked up other loose bits of paper which had become detached, took out the largest fragments of broken glass that were wrapped in partly loosened cartoon paper and spent some months talking about how to restore it."

Eric Harding, the senior paper conservator at the British Museum, was brought in to repair the damage. To better understand how the Leonardo was damaged, restorers constructed a small model, covered it with some of the laminated glass that had protected the cartoon, and the police fired at the model with a sawed-off shotgun from a similar distance and angle.

"Eric has been replacing 60-odd fragments of paper," Wyld said, "some of which were one-half inch long and some that were down to an eighth of an inch. He's been gluing them one by one. He had to make an elaborate map before removing loose fragments. The fragments were photographed and each was put into its own box labeled with its location on the master plan."

"A few didn't have firm locations because they fell off when the glass hit the cartoon. But every scrap of cartoon we could find has been put back. The principle is that every scrap of the original is used and no restoration goes over any original cartoon fragments."

Harding, working with a magnifying glass and surgical instruments, is now re-establishing the texture of the drawing's surface by filling in the gaps where paper is missing with paper fiber pulp and retouching them with charcoal and white chalk. Leonardo's original materials.

The cartoon was bought by the National Gallery in 1962 from the Royal Academy after a nationwide appeal. It was vandalized that same year when a man threw a bottle of ink at it. The bottle did not break and no ink was spilled, but slight damage, repaired in a few hours, included scratches and a small cut.

Wyld said the cartoon had been in poor condition for as long as 300 years, partly because the glue originally used to mount it on canvas had increased the level of acidity and made the paper more brittle. "That was bad for the cartoon in one way," Wyld said, "but in another way being stuck on canvas has protected it from crumbling away."



In "Waiting for Godot": from left, F. Murray Abraham, Robin Williams, Steve Martin and Bill Irwin.

Too Much Humor for 'Godot'?

By David Richards

NEW YORK — Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" has such a towering reputation for metaphysical bleakness that one can easily forget how rambunctiously funny the work is as it goes about painting its characters into a forgotten corner of the cosmos.

Put Robin Williams and Steve Martin in the lead roles, however, and you have the opposite problem. In the eruption of antics by two of the United States' most popular (and idiosyncratic) comics, it is entirely possible to overlook the metaphysical bleakness.

Few, if any, productions of Beckett's plays have boasted such a concentration of star power. F. Murray Abraham and Bill Irwin are playing supporting roles, and the director is Mike Nichols.

Williams and Martin are Estragon and Vladimir, those baggy-pants tramps, waiting on a parched strand of earth for something or someone to turn up and give meaning to their rumbledown lives. But there is no forgetting who they really are. What we're looking for — and responding to — are those moments when comic invention gets the best of them and they can't help behaving according to form.

Marin takes a wryer, slightly loftier view of matters than does Williams, whose thought patterns resemble the flight of a drunken bumblebee. Both, though, are zany, happy madmen in the asylum of life, living testimony to the resourcefulness of the human imagination. In that sense, they fit right into "Godot."

If Beckett's universe is as empty as a tin drum, his play also celebrates man's topsy-turvy attempts to fill up that emptiness and stave off despair, even if it is only by merrily eating a radish or cracking a rotten joke. "We always find something to give us the impression we exist," exults Estragon.

As for Martin and Williams, they have no trouble at all cooking up distractions. Such is their forte. Tony Walton's set is an ecological nightmare, strewn with detritus, but it might as well be a playpen for the two stars. A discarded automobile muffler becomes, in Williams' hands, a machine gun, which prompts him to carry on like John Wayne in a World War II movie.

An old automobile tire serves him handily as a reclining chair. And where others would see only a

bleached jawbone of a small animal protruding from the dirt, Williams spots a potential puppet, which he proceeds to make talk in a high-pitched voice.

Martin is not so hyperactive. He's more the odd dreamer, the quizzical intellectual with asterisks in his eyes. But that's appropriate, too. (Vladimir is, after all, the brainier of the pair.) If Williams is always bursting with things to do, Martin is forever mulling things over. Even when the darkness falls, the silence grows deafening, and Godot's appearance is postponed for yet another day, you get the impression that Martin finds it all pretty darn interesting.

In fact, boredom strikes this couple only when Pozzo (Abraham) and Lucky (Irwin) straggle through on their urgent mission to nowhere. Pozzo, delighted to show off his servant, commands him to "think," and Lucky obliges by spewing forth a torrent of nonsense. The gibberish goes on for so long that Martin and Williams lose interest, and then patience. For want of something better to do, they collapse in the aisles of the theater and page through Playbills, all the while emitting increasingly audible yawns. The yawns turn to anger. Soon all four are rolling in the sand.

You can't say such shenanigans are misplaced. And they are certainly diverting. "That passed the time," crows Vladimir at one point. In "Waiting for Godot," however, time is endless and human ingenuity is finite. Sooner or later, Beckett's tramps run out of ideas and come smack up against their wretchedness.

But that awareness is not so tellingly delineated in this production at the Mizzi E. Newhouse Theatre, which has a tendency to go flat if it is not expending great amounts of manic energy. In stillness, Martin simply switches off — the tonelessness of his line readings implying a personal disinterest more than hopelessness. Williams, closer to the mark, reverts to a kind of whimpering petulance, like a child suddenly deprived of his toys and sent to bed.

In "Godot," it is dawn on Estragon and Vladimir that life is absurd. Williams and Martin seemingly have come to terms with such a truth; as performers, they have even made their respective fortunes from it. What you don't get from either is the primal fear that paralyzes Beckett's creatures or the awful loneliness that wells up in their souls.



Detail of the damaged Leonardo Cartoon now being restored.

Alec Guinness Shines in 'A Walk in the Woods'

By Sheridan Morley
International Herald Tribune

LONDON — In the cultural and intellectual desert that has been this last year on Broadway, Lee Blessing's "A Walk in the Woods" shines out like a neon-lit oasis. Here was a play that had the courage to form itself into a two-man duologue, and to tackle ab-

stract notions about the nature of peace, notions that most producers other than the great and good off-Broadway pioneer Lucille Lortel would have at least tried setting to music.

Now the play comes to the Comedy Theatre in London with a new cast of Alec Guinness (in his first West End appearance for a decade) and the archetypal man in the gray-flannel suit, Edward Herrmann.

Although it is true that there have been certain losses in the Atlantic crossing, there have also been considerable gains. On one level, this is a play that belongs in that grouping of "The Odd Couple" and "I'm Not Rappaport" and "Driving Miss Daisy," Broadway hits in which two people of apparently irreconcilable backgrounds and attitudes are brought toward a kind of understanding of each other in the name of common humanity.

But Blessing wants us to understand something more than that: In a wry, subtle, laconic duologue, he wants to make the point that negotiations are in the end only about negotiators, and that the life or death of the planet is in the end simply the life or death of the people who inhabit it.

If you have forgotten what the theater of civilized debate was once all about, if you have not lately come across a script in which the ideas mattered more than the plot or the characterization, then "A Walk in the Woods" is the play to remind you of what we have lost.

Not that Guinness is exactly self-effacing. In the role of the veteran Soviet negotiator, strolling through the Geneva woods with his American opposite number to test out the possibilities of arms reductions, he may well lack all the Russian bear-like qualities of Robert Prosky, who originated the role in New York, but he brings instead a kind of wily survival.

Guinness is the only actor I know who, while talking about walking on eggshells, can also show you what it is like to walk on eggshells. His performance is a sort of summary of Soviet cunning over the years, brought up sharply against the idealist innocence of Herrmann's not-so-ugly American.

Ronald Eyre's production has the courage of its own inactivity, so we appear at times to be watching a radio play. But as the men

forever doomed to make recommendations rather than decisions, the men who know from the outset they are only as good as the next election campaign, Guinness and Herrmann achieve a masterly balance.

One of the curious virtues of Blessing's script is that, although written pre-glasnost, and therefore already technically out of date, it achieves a kind of timelessness by insisting on the pent-up bickering of its participants. Lines like "If mankind really hated war there would be millions of us and two soldiers," or "History is only geography over time," suggest a weird mix of George Bernard Shaw and Henry Kissinger.

The play gradually acquires a life of its own, so that by the end we desperately and fruitfully want a treaty to be signed, not so much for the sake of the world as for that of its two signatories, men we urgently want to end their lives and careers with some sort of sense of achievement and satisfaction.

What we are left with, of course, since Blessing is nothing if not a realist, is a couple of men paid to say no and look good while doing it amid the endless neutrality of Swiss forests.

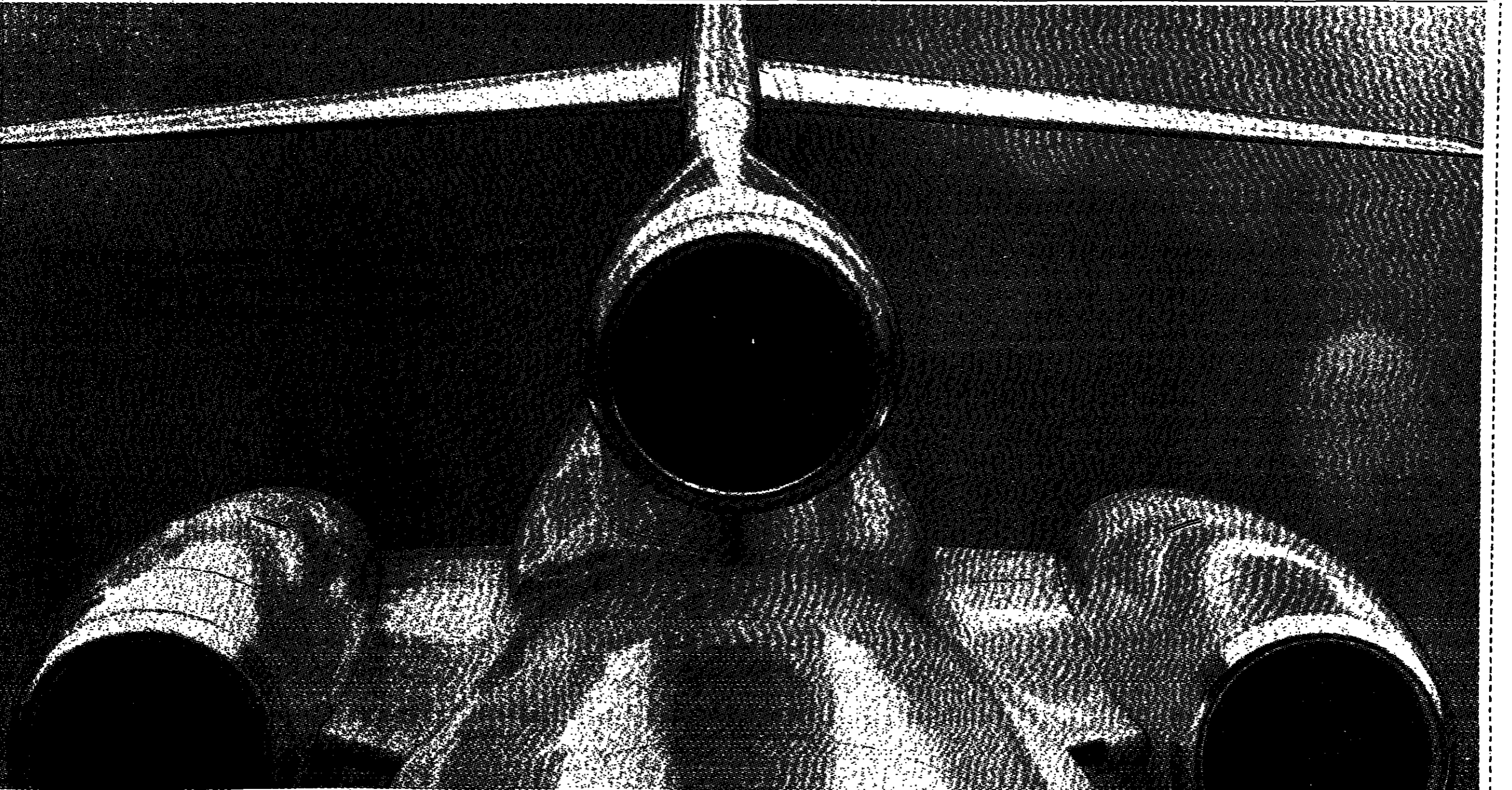
On the Cottesloe stage of the National, a new production of Strindberg's "The Father" has the virtue of a scathing adaptation by John Osborne, whose line in chavinst

rage and marital loathing has always seemed to mark him out as a natural Strindbergian for our times.

This David Leveaux staging started out with Anton Rodgers in the title role, but due to rehearsal differences now stars Alan Armstrong as the captain driven to madness and a straitjacket by doubts over the true percentage of his child. Susan Fleetwood in wonderfully glacial form plays the wife who is the authoress of all his woes.

In a very strong studio setting by Annie Smart, "The Father" is played for two hours without a break as an intense chamber piece about the overthrowing of a man and a mind through sexual and social doubt. What Osborne has superlatively realized is that it is a play entirely driven by its own internal anger, a kind of greasepaint rage that this superb new translation sustains with nightmarish intensity.

Strindberg saw the script as a staging-post on the road to suicide, a shadow-play that would only work if tackled with extreme subtlety, and there are moments here when Armstrong, writhing around in a cage full of female tigers, seems dangerously close to the kind of Victorian melodrama that its author most feared. But Osborne's timeless horror of rampant women pulls him back time and again from that brink, and the result is a period "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" of dazzling power.



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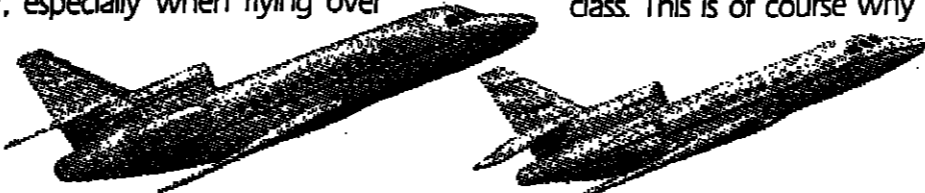
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New York Stocks Edge Higher

NEW YORK — Stock prices closed slightly higher Tuesday in moderate trading on the New York Stock Exchange, as the market anticipated a victory by Vice President George Bush in the U.S. presidential election but remained concerned over the economy. The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 21.16 points Monday, rose 2.85 to close at 2,127.49. Advances led declines by about an 8-5 margin. Volume on the Big Board totaled about 141.7 million shares, compared with 133.9 million shares traded Monday. The market was down Friday and Monday because it was joined by the October unemployment report, said Monte Gordon, research director of Dreyfus Corp. "What we have here is a rebound from this," Mr. Gordon said the stronger-than-expected report released Friday showed the U.S. economy was growing at a faster rate than was previously thought, which raised fears of inflation and higher interest rates. "The market has already discounted most of its jitters about the election," said Gail Dudak, a market analyst with S.G. Warburg. Some polls released over the weekend suggested that the Democratic candidate, Governor Michael S. Dukakis, was gaining on Mr. Bush. "Friday and Monday we were anticipating a sell-off following the election," said Mr. Dudak, but now there are signs of "making that back up." She noted that if Mr. Bush won the election, the market would probably gain strength during the next couple of months because a Republican victory would basically mean a continuation of policies set under the current administration. "The market could give up politics and concentrate on economics and other key issues," Mr. Dudak said, pointing to the dollar, inflation and interest rates. However, she added, a Democratic victory would put heavy pressure on the market because less is known about what Dukakis's administration would look like and the market doesn't like the unknown. Broad-market indexes also advanced. The New York Stock Exchange index rose 0.56 point to 154.84. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 1.22 to 275.15. The price of an average share gained 11 cents. Houston Industries was the most active issue on the NYSE, unchanged at 29 1/2. The company goes ex-dividend Wednesday. Philadelphia Electric, which also goes ex-dividend Wednesday, followed, unchanged at 20 3/4. Gulf States Utilities was third, up 1/2 to 8 1/2. IBM was up 1/8 to 119 3/4. AT&T was up 3/4 to 28 3/4. Among blue-chip stocks, American Express was up 1/4 to 27 3/4. Philip Morris was off 1/4 to 94. Chevron was up 1/4 to 42 3/4. Sears was off 1/4 to 27 1/4 amid restructuring and takeover rumors. RJR Nabisco was up 1/4 to 87 3/4 after its board committee opened up the bidding process for the company and allowed new suitors to submit sealed bids until the end of next week.

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Hanson Units Sell For \$60 Million

NEW YORK — Hanson PLC, the U.S. arm of Hanson Plc, said Tuesday that an affiliate had sold its Allied/Egry and Walton Printing Co. business-form operations for \$51 million cash plus \$5 million assumption of debt.

Court Backs Hubert Burda

OFFENBURG, West Germany — A West German court ruled Tuesday that the publisher Hubert Burda had right of first refusal on a block of shares in Axel Springer Verlag AG that his two brothers previously sold to a third party.

Rising U.S. Auto Prices Could Resharpenthe Asian Edge

By Leslie Eringaard Los Angeles Times Service
DETROIT — The Big Three U.S. automakers have raised 1989 model car prices on average more than their Asian competitors, and auto industry analysts warned that by doing so they have lost a chance to increase their shares of the market.

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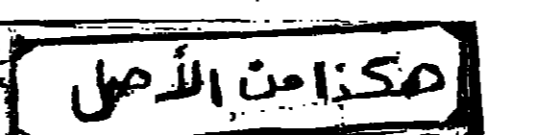
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DAILY: Still Struggling

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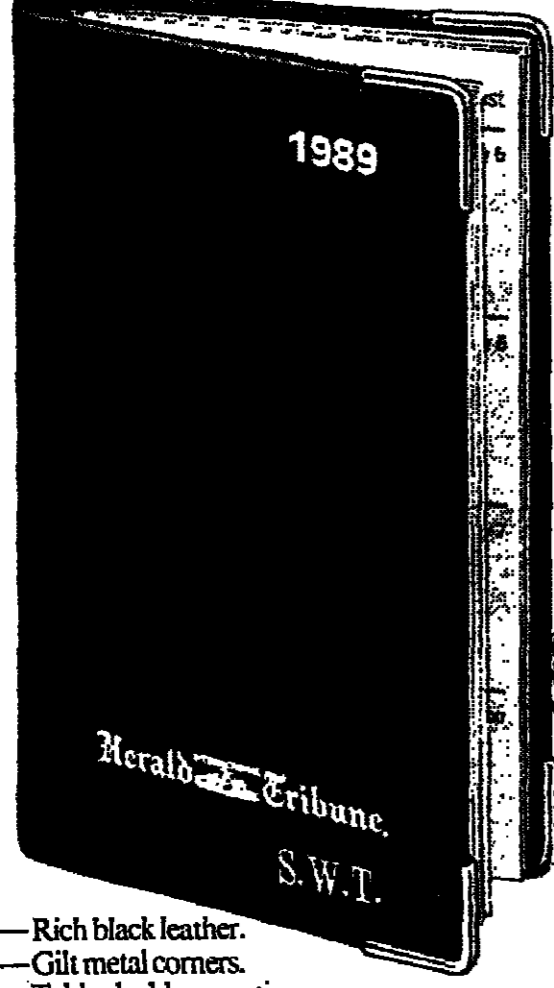
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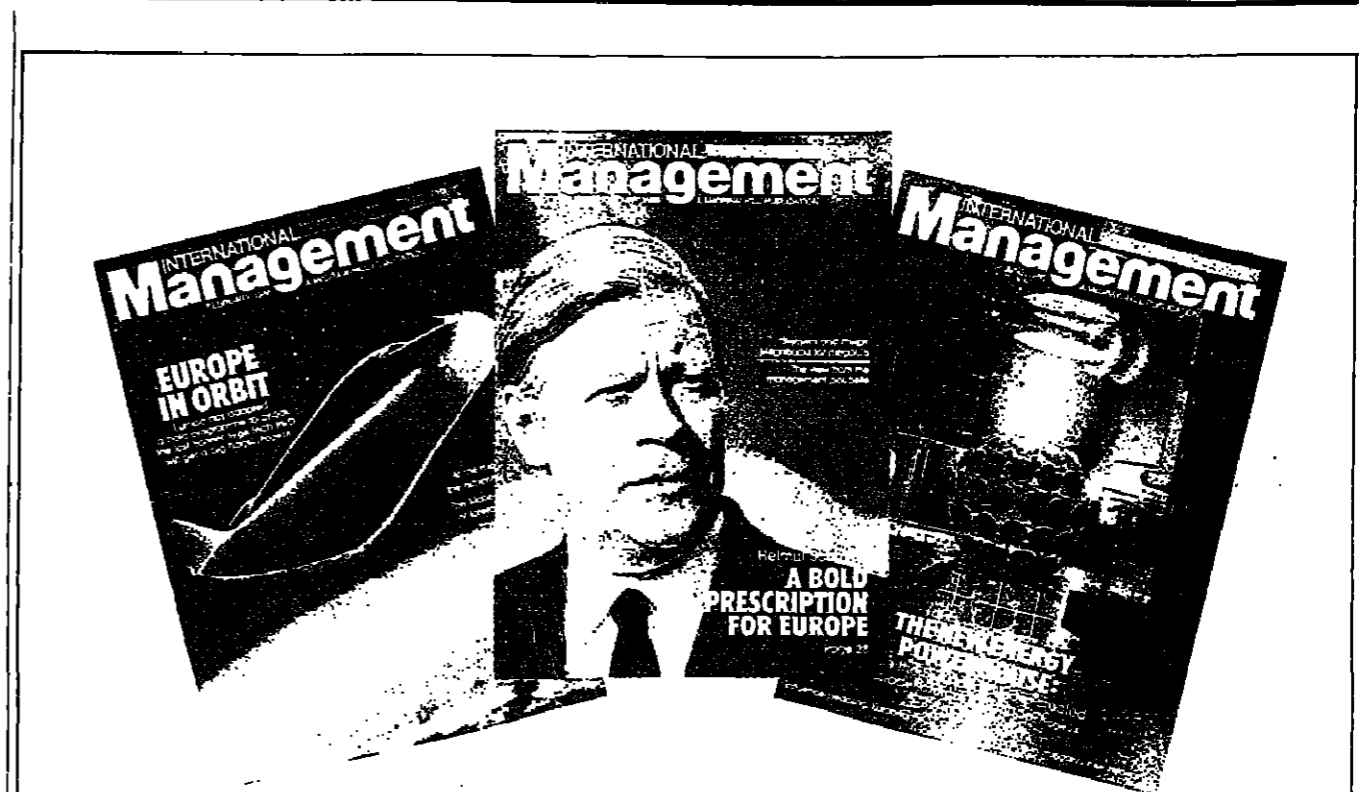
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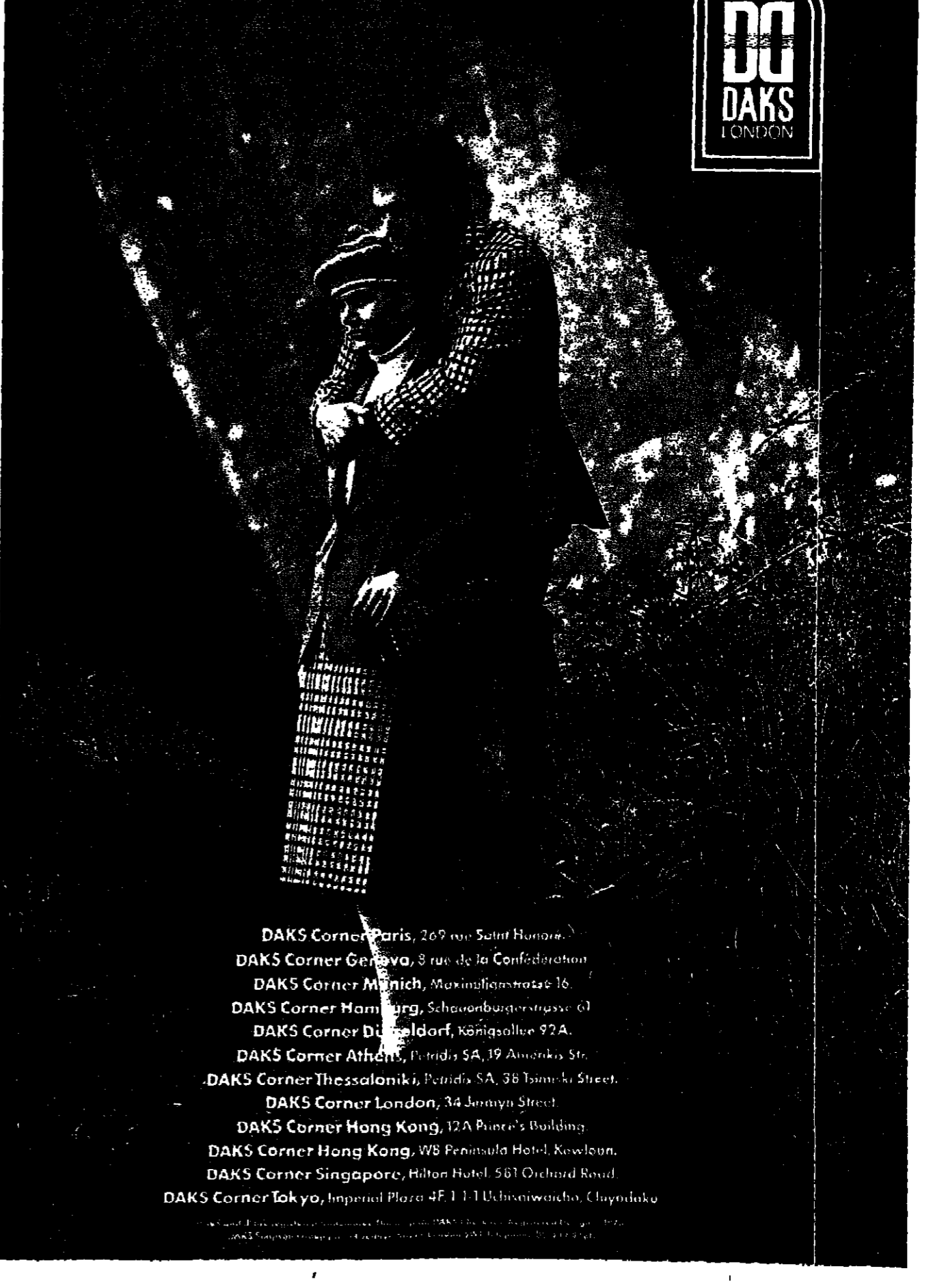
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CURRENCY MARKETS

Dollar Rises as Market Bets on Bush

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK—The dollar rose Tuesday as dealers adjusted their positions in anticipation of a victory by Vice President George Bush in the U.S. presidential election.

Traders around the world attributed the dollar's gains to increased confidence that Mr. Bush would defeat Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts in the presidential election.

The dollar rose to 1.7890 DM in London from 1.7835 DM on Monday, and to 125.63 yen from 124.65 yen. It also climbed to 1.5025 Swiss francs from 1.4929 francs, and to 6.1055 French francs from 6.0875 francs.

The pound ended at \$1.7705, down from \$1.7755 Monday.

(AP, UPI, Reuters)

London Dollar Rates

Table with columns: Currency, Bid, Ask, Source: Reuters

3-Year Notes Yield 8.59%

The Treasury said it auctioned \$9.51 billion of three-year notes at an average yield of 8.59 percent on Tuesday, Reuters reported from Washington.

Yields on the three-year notes fell to an average 8.59 percent, the lowest rate since the notes averaged 8.23 percent on May 10.

The Treasury plans to offer \$9 billion in 30-year bonds later this month or early in December, if President Ronald Reagan signs the tax corrections bill now on his desk, which would renew the department's authority to issue long-term bonds.

Sprinkel Sees Interest Rates Falling in U.S.

WASHINGTON—U.S. interest rates, which have been rising since Friday's employment report for October, will head back down, President Ronald Reagan's chief economic adviser said Tuesday.

Said Beryl W. Sprinkel, "Rates will reverse the downward trend that has been under way for some time." He was speaking after addressing a conference sponsored by the American Stock Exchange.

Interest rates will fall because of inflationary pressures are fading, he said. The employment report signaled neither inflation nor recession, Mr. Sprinkel said, adding that growth prospects are favorable.

Australia to Maintain Tight Money Policy

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

CANBERRA, Australia—Treasury Minister Paul Keating said Tuesday that his country's monetary policy would remain tight to keep demand in check and prevent the economy from overheating.

Mr. Keating told Parliament that the economy was showing "considerable strength" as business investment grew rapidly and exports expanded.

Next year for restricted wage rises in exchange for income-tax cuts, he added.

VOGUE: Wall Street's Buyout Wave is Likely to Have a Lasting Effect

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equity. As a public company, its equity base, the financial bedrock on which companies are built, had amounted to \$1.5 billion.

The leveraged buyout funds are confident that they can write more profits from their acquisitions because they usually target conglomerates that were assembled in the diversification frenzy of the 1970s.

Who are the leading fund managers? In the early 1980s, the leveraged buyout firm of Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co. had the field almost to itself.

pension funds of Coca-Cola Co. and New York State and Harvard's endowment fund.

Investors like these typically have two objectives: To do better than they can in the stock market and to diversify their investments.

mandate sound and secure investment strategies.

learns of an investment planned by Kohlberg, Kravis when he picks up a newspaper.

Investors are sent quarterly reports of their funds' results, and receive detailed reports on each company's status at their fund's annual meeting.

As for direct contact with one of their indirect wards? "That would be presumptuous of us," Mr. George said.

'Our purpose is to put funds under professional management. If you hire someone to manage your investments, you don't second-guess them.'

Marshall Burkes, executive director, Wisconsin Investment Board.

pany involved in a leveraged buyout and its biggest bank lenders can be equally intense.

They keep a company to the straight and narrow by imposing loan covenants that place strict limits on things like how much a company must earn, how much cash it has to generate, and if and when it can make acquisitions.

The high debt loads these companies have had to take on when they are converted to private control leaves them little margin for error.

Tuesday's OTC Prices. NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time.

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BOOKS

KATHARINE AND E.B. WHITE: An Affectionate Memoir

By Isabel Russell. 269 pages. \$18.95. W. W. Norton & Co., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10110.

Reviewed by Michael Dirda

It is not often, E.B. White wrote in his children's book "Charlotte's Web," that someone comes along who is a true friend and a good writer. Charlotte the spider, of course, was both. And so was E.B. White in the eyes of his secretary Isabel Russell.

and shipping of Christmas presents required two months of all-out effort. EB remarked offhandedly that if recognition exists he would like to return as Wilbur the pig. He refused to eat any food not prepared by someone he knew, and dismissed all requests to compose blurbs for young writers: "Let them flourish without my help; nobody helped me." The peremptory K inevitably reminded Russell of Queen Victoria. During a thunderstorm EB said, "I don't mind rain... but when it gets to the stage where you have to send forth a dove to see if the waters are receding, it's ridiculous."

Such details do bring life to this memoir, but they are all too few. For the most part, the Whites appear here almost as cartoon figures by their old friend James Thurber: bossy, house-dominating wife; quiet money husband, eager to escape to open ground.

Readers averse to knowing everything they can about Katharine or E.B. White—and their admirers are legion—may want to pick up Isabel Russell's book. But most others would better spend their time in reading, or rereading, the continuously entertaining "Letters of E.B. White" or K's "Onward and Upward in the Garden."

Michael Dirda is on the staff of The Washington Post.

BEST SELLERS

This list is based on reports from more than 2,000 bookstores throughout the United States. Weeks on list are not necessarily consecutive.

Table with columns: Rank, Title, Author, Weeks on List. Includes 'The Queen of the Damned' by Anne Rice, 'The Cardinal of the Kremlin' by Tom Clancy, 'A Brief History of Time' by Stephen W. Hawking.

ADVCE, HOW-TO AND MISCELLANEOUS
1 THE 8-WEEK CHOLESTEROL CURE, by Robert E. Kowalski
2 SWIM WITH THE SHARKS WITHOUT BEING EATEN ALIVE, by Harvey Mackay
3 WESTER'S NEW WORLD DICTIONARY, (Simon & Schuster)

World Stock Markets

Via Agence France Presse Closing prices in local currencies. Nov. 8

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OBSERVER

Unpublished Stories

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK—Here are some news stories that weren't published during the presidential campaign...

Michael Dukakis last night gave American voters plenty of evidence that he is fiery enough to fill their demands for a president who can show passion...

Florida prison guards were astounded last night to discover that the man trying to shoot his way in was Governor Michael Dukakis. Disarmed and brought to the warden's office, he said the large number of Florida convicts who had not been executed despite capital sentences should alert all Americans to the need for a change in the White House...

Police at yesterday's World Series game in Los Angeles had to ask Dukakis's Secret Service guards to arrest the Democratic presidential candidate for beating up fans who didn't stand up when the color guard brought in the flag...

Dukakis yesterday issued a "speak-the-people" challenge to the Republican candidate.

He has ordered campaign aides to round up 1,000 desperately poor widows and orphans and pledges to seek them in Boston Harbor. The aim, he said, is "to prove once and for all that I am more compassionate of liberalism than any other candidate in this campaign."

In his challenge to Bush, he said: "This harbor is not as filthy as the Republican candidate says. Still, it should take only one soaking in it to persuade these parents to quit taking money from the pockets of the middle class. Does Bush detect liberalism enough to join me in soaking a thousand? My bet, my friends, is that he'll show his true colors and break down blubbering before he's soaked his tenth widow."

Striving to satisfy the American voters' clamor for more likability, Dukakis yesterday took a page from the lovable old-time Chicago mayor who promised to punch King George in the nose if the British monarch dared come to Chicago...

George Burns, Talking a Book to Gracie

Those of you who have seen me perform know I smoke a cigar and use it as a prop. When I tell a joke, I pause and puff on my cigar. That way, when I take a puff on my cigar, the audience knows I've told a joke.

By Mervyn Rothstein
New York Times Service

ONCE a month, George Burns goes to Forest Lawn Cemetery to talk to his late wife, Gracie Allen. "I'll always love Gracie," Burns says. "Gracie made my whole life. Don't forget, I did 15 or 20 acts before I met Gracie, and they were all flops. If it wasn't for Gracie, I don't think you'd be interviewing me."

Now Burns, who is 92, has done a book about his wife. "Gracie: A Love Story," which G.P. Putnam's Sons is publishing this month. "I told her I was writing this book about her," he says in the book. "Evidently she approves — she didn't say anything."

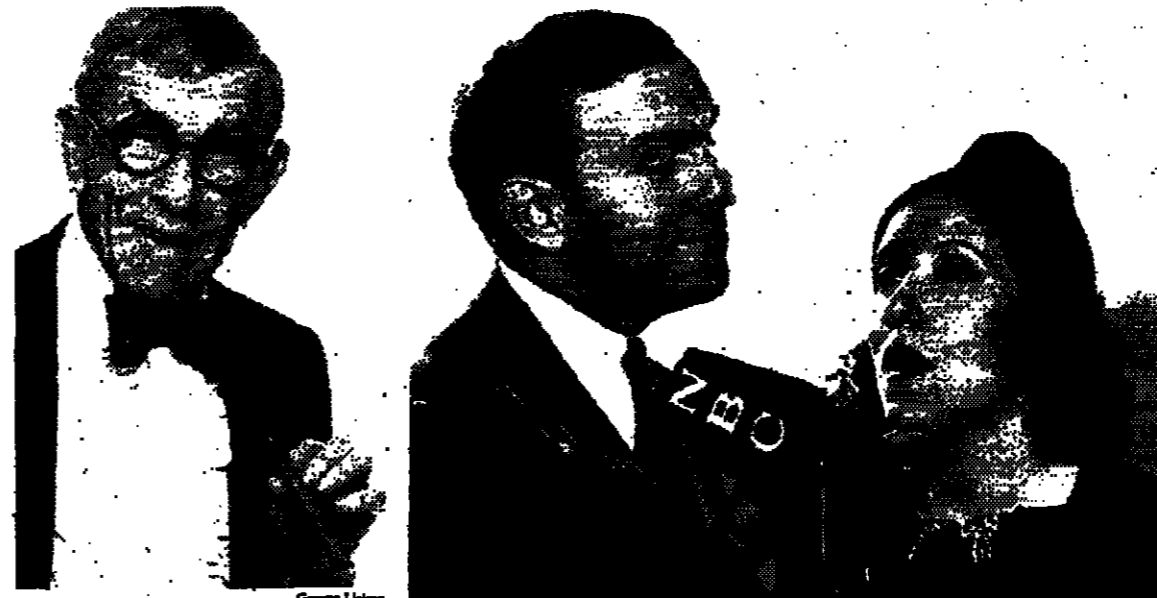
The book begins with Gracie growing up in San Francisco. "I'm a big, loving Irish family," it covers Burns's and Allen's lives together: how they first met in vaudeville; how they began performing together ("Gracie was the whole act"); their 18 years on radio and 8 on television; their four decades of marriage, and their two adopted children. Their son, Ronnie, who appeared on their television show, is now a businessman in California.

Burns also writes about her badly scoured left arm and shoulder (a pot of boiling tea fell on her when she was a child, and as a result she always wore long sleeves); the crippling migraines she suffered throughout her life, and the heart problems that led to her death in 1964 at the age of 58.

"I talk a book," Burns says by telephone from California. "I don't write a book. We sit and we talk, and it's funny we use it. I can't write. I can't spell. I only went as far as fourth grade. This is the seventh book I've done, and in my whole life I've read only two."

The idea for the book, he says, came from David Fisher, a free-lance writer. "He deserves a lot of the credit," Burns says. George Burns (his real name was Nathan Birnbaum, and Gracie called him Nattie) met Gracie Ethel Cecile Rosalie Allen (or Gracie, as he called her) in vaudeville in 1923.

In their first act, he was the comedian and she was the straight man. The problem was, Gracie got the laughs. "I didn't have to be a genius to understand that there was something wrong with a comedy act when the straight lines got more laughs than the punch lines," Burns recalls in the book. So he started giving her the punch lines, and the act clicked. "The audience had created



Burns now with cigar, and performing with Gracie in an NBC radio show.

Gracie's character," he writes. "I listened to the jokes they laughed at and gave Gracie more of that type." Gracie was the classic Dumb Dora whom everyone adored. "The character was simply the funniest dame in the world, but what made her different from all the other Dumb Doras was that Gracie played her as if she were totally sane, as if her answers actually made sense. We called it illogical logic.

"For example, she would ask me, 'Where do you keep your money?' 'In a bank,' I'd respond. 'What interest do you get?' 'Four percent.' 'That's I get eight.' 'You get eight?' 'Yep — I keep it in two banks.'"

"Women understood her," Burns comments in the book. "Men thought they were married to her. And everybody knew someone's first like her."

"Gracie was an actress, not a comedienne," he says on the telephone. "Gracie didn't think she was dumb — the whole world thought she was dumb. Gracie didn't tell you a joke; she explained it to you. For instance, once I said to Gracie, 'Did the nurse ever drop you when you were a baby?' And Gracie said, 'Don't be ridiculous. We were too poor to have a nurse. My mother had to do it.'"

Back in 1940 Gracie ran for president of the United States — as the candidate of the Surprise Party. She held a news conference and announced that her first official act would be to settle the Florida-California

boundary dispute. She promised to give the East Coast a 25 percent rebate of California's climate, and also refused to do away with the national debt, saying that the United States should be very proud of it because it was the largest in the world.

When she gave a speech on radio in Omaha, the city's mayor, Dan Butler, asked her to "Call me Dan." She refused. "Everybody knows you can't say Dan on the radio," she said.

Burns comments frequently in the book that Gracie was the sole reason for the success of Burns and Allen, yet in the quarter century since her death he has gone on to considerable success in television, in nightclub and in the movies. He even won an Oscar for best supporting actor, for "The Sunshine Boys." And he played the title role in "Oh, God!"

"A lot of Gracie rubbed off on me," he says. "I learned a lot. In the old days, I was able to think of the things, and Gracie was able to do them. I got a lot of the laughs offstage, and she got them onstage. Now it's different. I've been around for a lot of years. I'm an accepted commodity.

"I just played a date at a college and there were thousands of kids out there. Before I got on stage, I stand by the side and blow a little smoke from my cigar. The moment they saw the smoke, the people stood up. When I came out they were still standing — they probably wanted to see if I could still walk."

PEOPLE

Rushdie's Novel Wins A Whitbread Award

The Indian-born author Salman Rushdie won the novel section of Britain's biggest literary prize Tuesday for his "The Satanic Verses" and called on India to lift its ban on the book. "I hope the prime minister of India is listening," Rushdie said after receiving the £1,500 (\$2,650) Whitbread award. The novel has been banned following protests of blasphemous treatment of Mohammed, the prophet of Islam.

Bill Cosby and his wife, Camille, have donated \$20 million to Spelman College, a black women's college in Atlanta. The gift is the largest single contribution ever made to a black college and one of the largest donations in recent years to any school. The gift was announced by Johnetta B. Cole, Spelman's new president, during a three-day celebration of her inauguration as the college's first woman president. "Mrs. Cosby and I have been blessed because I found a vein of gold in the side of a mountain," the television entertainer joked.

Nagabh Mahfouz, this year's winner of the Nobel prize for literature, received Egypt's highest decoration at a celebration at which President Hosni Mubarak embraced Mahfouz and placed around his neck the yellow sash called the High Nile Ribbon, most proudly bestowed on heads of state. Mahfouz has said he would not travel to Stockholm for the Nobel ceremony, on doctors' orders.

An 81-year-old former legislator says he is happy he won more than \$39 million in the state lottery, although he was a bit skeptical about having to wait weeks for his first check. James Soper, a Republican from Cicero who served in the Illinois Senate from 1966 to 1978, quipped, "The state's getting all that interest on my money." Soper said he would share 20 percent of his winnings — the second largest Lotto jackpot in state history — with his longtime secretary, Lois Anderson, who buys lottery tickets with him. He will receive his first payment in about five weeks, lottery officials said. The prize will be distributed in annual installments of \$1.95 million over 20 years. Soper described his prize as "better than a stick in the eye. I'm not going to change my life. It's too old. I can't get in trouble."

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